

## DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

### Meeting Minutes

September 7 2021

Members Present: Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand, Lewis Smith, Ron Mjelde, Dan Sager, Anthony Savalla, Tom Curran

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center

### Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:13 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

Ron Mjelde opened the meeting by reading a letter of interest to fill the vacant board member position that was held by Dave Byers. Rodney Simpson, who had served on the landfill board in the past, would like to be on the board again. After a brief discussion Tom Curran moved to accept Rod Simpson as a board member and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Adopt Minutes:** Anthony Savalla made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3rd, 2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Jack Eldredge. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Barry Damschen Report:** Barry reported that the design of the landfill is done, the operation and maintenance report was almost done as well as the Hydrometrics was almost done and will be ready to deliver to DEQ around October/November. He relayed a copy of the report from Cora Helm of LC Compost Solutions for processing animal carcasses to compost, for the board to review.

Barry encouraged load checks that are coming through the landfill and needing the additional person at the entry point when vehicles come into the landfill. There is a part-time paper picker, Alisha Champine, who was hired June 28, 2021, being paid \$8.75/hr, but stressed that another part-time person was needed there.

Barry talked of his years as an engineer for many landfills in Montana and expressed hiring a sub-contractor to start shadowing him so when it comes time for him to retire, that individual could move forward with what he does. He indicated that he hired Mary Louise Henderson and that she has extensive experience with ground water which he felt was a huge plus. Barry asked the permission of the board to utilize her as a sub-contractor along with him for the Powell County Landfill. Lewis Smith moved to allow the sub-contractor and Tom Curran seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

Barry also presented his statement for services running July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 of \$10,200.00, which added a 2% increase for the year. Charlie Brand moved to pay this statement and Lewis Smith seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

**Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report:** Jeremiah Maulding reported that the green Excavator is done. It can no longer run. The county truck he recently received has an oil issue. The Dump truck had an air leak but Jeremiah fixed it. He said the Dozer could go on the auction list or could be scraped.

**Continuing Business:** Ron Mjelde referred back to Ole Bergs suggestion of a scraper. After conversation with employees of the Logan Landfill that he and Jeremiah had visited, they felt it was not a good choice. Ron also reviewed a Corrected Violation letter from the DEQ for the uncontrolled litter and it indicated the violation had been corrected.

PRDD rate was reviewed and discussed. The rate was \$136.00 per 40 cubic yard containers and \$70.00 per 20 cubic yard construction containers on the initial agreement dated August 2018. The rate was changed to \$140 per 40 cubic yard containers and \$72.00 per cubic yard construction containers at the November 5, 2019 meeting with PRDD board members Justin Williams and Chairman Tom Steber. It was discussed to raise a cost-of-business fee of 2% per year for the last two years, being a 4% increase, and rounding it to \$146.00 per 40 yard container and \$73.00 per 20 yard construction container. The PRDD board chairman will be contacted by letter to inform them of the rate change discussion.

**New Business:** Ron Mjelde reported that he and Jeremiah Maulding had visited the Logan Landfill and how they dispose of their sludge away from the landfill. Ron indicated you could see a distinct difference from the garbage area and the sludge area. The employees at the Logan landfill can ticket individuals who do not have covered loads. They can also process the ticket payments with a credit card system. This credit card acceptance was discussed for the Powell County Landfill.

Jeremiah talked about duplicated dump tickets that people were bringing into the landfill. He indicated that you can tell they are being copied on colored paper. It was discussed to look into water-marked colored paper so that they could no longer be copied.

Lewis Smith indicated he had talked with a gentleman about a business that was bought and would be torn down and what that cost would be to deliver that material to the landfill. It was suggested the new owner should attend the next meeting to discuss the rate of construction material and concrete hauled.

Ron reviewed two letters received from property owners who were requesting reduced RDD rates. The first one was from Grace Foster whose business is Powell County Title Company, at 314 Missouri Avenue, Parcel #21900, and is being charged 4 units for this property. She is the sole proprietor of this business and building. This was a family business at one time and the units had never been adjusted when Grace became the sole proprietor of the business. After discussion Charlie Brand moved to reduce this property to one (1) unit RDD. Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

The second letter was received from Wade Johnson who has property at 701 Montana Avenue, Parcel #65000, and is being charged 4 units for this property. He indicated that the property was formerly a four-plex apartment building and he has since removed the building from the property and would like to have the units reduced to one (1) unit RDD. After discussion Lewis Smith moved to reduce this property to one (1) unit RDD. Tom Curran seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Report:** Reviewed and discussed financials.

**Executive Session:** The board went into Executive Session.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Donita Anderson, Secretary**