

## DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

### Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Dale Persons, Alisha Champine, Mark Burnette and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center

### Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:10 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

Tom Curran addressed the board and after discussing what he felt was not being accomplished by the landfill employees or the board he verbally gave his resignation from the landfill board and left the meeting.

**Adopt Minutes:** Lewis Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Charlie Brand. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Barry Damschen Report:** Barry was not present at the board meeting but had notes and recommendations for the board to review regarding the soil cover. Ron Mjelde relayed that Barry suggested narrowing the garbage drop-off to a two-car slot to save on cover. Barry felt the landfill was using twice the dirt and spending too much time on dirt. He stressed again that the landfill was in violation as there is no one to check in or direct traffic. This discussion was tabled until next month.

**Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report:** Jeremiah Maulding reported that the oil had been changed in all the machinery. All of the oil is taken care of. Hydraulic lines on the machines are all fixed. He reported the Compactor needs a professional welder to work on it. The employees can use the D6 while the Compactor is down. It was suggested that Jeff Tampke or Ike Lott could weld it. Jeremiah talked of equipment that cannot be used at the landfill. There are two John Deere, green and yellow loader, Dozer and Excavator that was discussed to auction them off. Charlie Brand moved to put this equipment up for auction and Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Continuing Business:** Lewis Smith revisited the Glue sprayer versus the dirt for covering and felt it could be cost effective. Jeremiah found a unit that would be sufficient for the landfill for \$2,300.00 that would hold 500 gallons. He indicated it is like spraying shredded newspaper. This was tabled for next month. The past due invoice for the Deer Lodge Post Office was discussed. The secretary will contact Tom Hansen, postmaster of the Anaconda post office to get some suggestions.

Ron Mjelde reported he is still having issues with Northwestern Energy and moving the transformer. He was told they could put a protective covering around it until they could move it. Lewis Smith suggested a letter to them. This is something Ron and Lewis will work on.

A program for High School students to work for credit to help them graduate was brought up in regards to needing someone to check in traffic. Jeremiah said he has looked into this and talked with the High School. Anthony Savalla, through personal experience, felt it was a good program to explore. Rod

Simpson felt it was worth following up with Rich Duncan, Superintendent of the High School to try to implement it.

**New Business:** Dan Sager let the board know that there will be a workshop given on how to run a board. It is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Community Center and will be given by Ashley Kent and Dan Clark from the Local Government Center at the University of Montana Western.

Lewis Smith reported that he was approached regarding the fees to demolish an existing building and the asphalt around it. The gentleman was referring to the Pizza Hut building as it has been purchased and will be demolished and he wanted to know what the price would be to haul all of it to the landfill. After discussion in regards to construction material, brick, asphalt, concrete and the rates for each, a flat fee of \$5,000.00 for all materials was suggested. Bids for the demolition of this building have been put in by Gilman Construction, Jordan Construction and H&H Construction. Anthony Savalla moved that we charge a flat fee of \$5,000.00 for all materials from the Pizza Hut demolition that will be dumped at the landfill, Rod Simpson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Jeremiah approached the board about modifying work hours for Alisha Champine, who currently has the paper picker position and is half time. The board is impressed with what she is doing at the landfill and after discussion Dan Sager moved to make her full time at \$8.27/hr, with benefits. The board was made aware that increasing her pay could not happen this year as the budget for 2021-2022 has already been approved. The motion was seconded by Anthony Savalla, Rod Simpson and Charlie Brand. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

There was a suggestion about assigning committees to take on smaller jobs or for helping out with things Jeremiah could use some assistance with. Anthony Savalla clarified that the committees are to support and help the landfill to accomplish what needs to be done. He asked if there was a need for this. Discussion was then directed to fees taken in at the landfill. This would be for individuals who show up at the landfill and are then directed to the courthouse to buy a ticket to dump at the landfill. The ability to run a card and take care of this at the landfill was discussed. It was also mentioned that fines for individuals who show up without covering their loads could be fined and they could take care of it at the landfill using a card to pay for the fine. Square App was discussed for fees to be accepted at the landfill. A committee was then assigned to look into and research the different sources of charging. This committee consists of Rod Simpson, Charlie Brand and Anthony Savalla.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**Donita Anderson, Secretary**