

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023

Members Present: Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Rob Kersch, Anthony Savalla, Dan Sager

Members Absent: Ron Mjelde, Cameron Gill, Charlie Brand

Others Present: Barry Damschen Jeremiah Maulding, Donita Anderson, Justin Williams of PRDD board, Lance Johnson, L&L Site Services of Missoula (406-581-0599)

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 5:00 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by board co-chairman Lewis Smith at 5:10 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Powell County Community Center.

Adopt Minutes: Dan Sager made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6th, 2022 meeting and Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry Damschen Report: Barry reported that the landfill is looking good. He talked about building the new road for the landfill and being on schedule. He confirmed to the board that the vertical expansion had been accepted and indicated that DEQ is now requesting that a seismic demonstration needs to be done.

Barry handed out a calculation sheet regarding the Granite county waste to Missoula, to all board members and indicated that their average total tons was around 2,300 ton/yr. There was discussion for rates for Granite County garbage. Justin Williams indicated that Granite County would purchase their own equipment to haul the garbage to Powell County. Discussions ranged from 38 to 45/ton. Anthony Savalla also talked about a probationary period with the 40/ton rate and six months to a year re-evaluation. Barry Damschen also indicated to rethink the fee with the expansion expense. After discussion Rob Kersch moved we charge \$55/ton along with a contract term and wording to approach Granite county with taking in the fact of the expansion expense. This was seconded by Anthony Savalla. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry then presented his rate for the year with a 2% increase. Last year it was \$10,200.00 and it will now be \$10,400.00 for the 2023 year. Rob Kersch moved to allow for Barry's \$200.00 increase for the year and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah reported that things are going good and that the landfill looks good. He has a new service truck from the State Warehouse. He talked about a state warehouse with tools at a better rate in Helena. Anthony Savalla asked if Jeremiah could put together a list of what he would use acknowledging that the board is fully supportive of the local community, getting a decent deal on tools is important. The suggestion was \$200.00 for the tools and Jeremiah was fine with that. Jeremiah also mentioned that he was looking for waste oil for the burner in the shop.

Lewis Smith reported on equipment for Charlie Brand and talked about a Skid-steer with tires and hydraulic lines that had 400 hours on it and does come with an 8-foot snowplow. Dan Sager suggested a Bob Cat for more versatility versus the Skid-steer. Jeremiah will look into it.

Continuing Business: Lewis Smith reported that the landfill By-Laws upgrade is not done yet.

New Business: Lance Johnson with L&L Site Services of Missoula was present to approach the board about delivering household trash and construction to the Deer Lodge landfill if the price is do-able. He is interested in a short-term haul until he can figure something else out. Barry Damschen indicated the more the landfill takes in the more it shortens the life. Lewis Smith indicated that would be a conversation with Barry with rate versus life at the landfill. Justin Williams suggested that L&L deliver a couple loads to the landfill to see if it's a fit that would work. Rob Kersch asked about price if we were to try a couple loads and Lance asked to run for one week. After discussion Rob Kersch moved to charge \$45/Ton volume based on negotiations of five loads total, three solid waste and two construction, Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Term limits for board members Jack Eldredge and Ron Mjelde had expired on 12/31/2022. They were sent letters from the Clerk & Records office to renew their board position or decline it. Jack Eldredge reported he had accepted and returned his letter which extended his term to 12/31/2025. Ron Mjelde was reenlisted for renewal by the board to extend his term to 12/31/2025.

Financial Report: The financials were reviewed and Jack Eldredge moved to accept the financials and Rob Kersch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Comment: Justin Williams of the PRDD board approached the board regarding 100 refrigerators at the Avon dump site and he is asking if, by a cash deal, to have an independent contractor remove the freon, for a cash agreement of \$5.00 per refrigerator, and asked the county to meet the cost per refrigerator (already decommissioned from Freon) or what price per unit. Dan Sager indicated no cash to be paid but that the contractor would turn in a claim for reimbursement, at \$5.00 per refrigerator, to the county Finance Officer to be approved and paid by county check. The refrigerators would be stickered, after Freon removal, and delivered to the landfill at no cost.

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

Ron Mjelde, Board Chairman

Donita Anderson, Secretary