

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023

Members Present: Charlie Brand, Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Rob Kersch, Anthony Savalla

Members Absent: Ron Mjelde, Dan Sager, Cameron Gill

Others Present: Donita Anderson, Lance Johnson of L&L Disposal in Missoula and Billy Fisher of Grizzly Disposal in Missoula

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 5:00 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by board co-chairman Lewis Smith at 5:15 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Powell County Community Center.

Adopt Minutes: Rob Kersch made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7th, 2023 meeting and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. Anthony Savalla abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting. All other board members voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report: Jeremiah Maulding was not present to report.

Equipment Report: Charlie Brand reported that the Bob Cat Tool Cat is not operating in 4-wheel drive and is not operating as it should. There was discussion of a warranty or even taking it back. Charlie will look into it more. Lewis discussed the 2018 Volvo Loader which cost \$129,800.00 with shipping added and moved to entertain a motion to ratify the purchase of the Loader. Anthony Savalla moved to ratify the purchase of the 2018 Volvo Loader and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All Voted in favor. **Motion passed.** The warranty was discussed, and Jack Eldredge moved and Rob Kersch seconded to purchase the extended warranty at \$2,447.00. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.** Discussion was held on what to do with the broken-down Loader. Lewis indicated that recycling metal was at \$150/ton for the March rate. The board will follow-up with the rate to see if there will be any changes in price.

Continuing Business: Lance Johnson of L&L Disposal and Billy Fisher of Grizzly Disposal attended the meeting to discuss a possible three-year commitment of household garbage, no construction, from both entities to the Powell County Landfill. Discussion led to two trucks a day at 500 tons/month at \$55/ton and in two to three months revisit the contract fee ranging from \$35 to \$55/ton. Rob Kersch suggested that Lance and Billy present an agreement at their presentation. After discussion Rob Kersch moved to accept household garbage from L&L Disposal and Grizzly Disposal, 500 tons/month at \$55/ton to be re-evaluated in two to three months. Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Lewis Smith informed the board that he talked with the attorney in Granite County regarding the meeting with Granite Waste and that will materialize when he hears back from the attorney.

A letter was received by James Cozad (Parcel #226500) of 90 Frontage Road, disputing the six (6) units he is being charged on his taxes for garbage disposal. His letter indicated he is operating with three (3) units, a single-wide mobile home, a one-bedroom apartment and a part-time real estate office. The rest was used as personal storage. After discussion Anthony Savalla moved to reduce the six (6) units to three (3) units to be effective for the 2023 tax year and forward. Rob Kersch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

New Business: N/A

Financial Report: The financials were reviewed. It was noted that \$1,000.00 was posted to the Communication and Transportation account. This is from Dempsey Creek Excavation that hauled sand to the landfill that should have been applied to the operating account. The secretary will discuss this with the Financial Officer to have that adjusted. After discussion Rob Kersch moved to accept the financial report and Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment: With no further discussion Lewis Smith moved and Anthony Savalla seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Ron Mjelde, Board Chairman

Donita Anderson, Secretary