

# DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

**Members Present:** Charlie Brand, Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Rob Kersch, Anthony Savalla, Cameron Gill, Ron Mjelde

**Members Absent:** Dan Sager

**Others Present:** Donita Anderson, Josh Brenton, Kelley Knight, Secretary of PRDD Board, Justin Williams, PRDD Board Member

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 5:00 pm at the Community Center

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### 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 April 4th, 2023, meeting and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All other board members voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Landfill Manager's Report:** Josh Brenton, acting landfill manager, reported that there has been a lot of clean-up on the inside and outside of the shop. Dump trucks are running but have their issues. New loader is running well. There was a slight issue at first but running good. Electrical issues with the new Compactor but runs good. A lot of garbage has been delivered by Grizzly Disposal. Josh indicated that the garbage they brought in was very compacted. Rob Kersch thanked Josh for stepping up and taking over and other board members chimed in as well in thanking Josh. Excavator is doing ok.

**Equipment Report:** Charlie Brand reported that the Bobcat Toolcat was taken back to Bobact Machinery in Missoula to be worked on.

**Continuing Business:** Applications were received from Alisha Champagne, Britni Evans, Jay Applegate, Robert Miller, Dale Perkins, Josh Brenton, Jim McKee, Bret Lombardi, Payden McKetchnie and Cori Sherwood. The board discussed meeting in two weeks on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center to review the applications thoroughly and narrow down the applicants for the landfill manager position and to discuss compensation for Josh Brenton for stepping up and taking charge.

A letter was received from the Granite County Commissioners, in regards to Granite County waste disposal at the Powell County landfill, informing the board that their proposal was not financially beneficial to Granite County and they would not be pursuing Powell County's offer.

Lewis reported that there was still no By-Laws yet and Ron reported that he is still trying to connect with AmeriGas.

Discussion of internet at the landfill being rough. Talk of Wi-Fi, through Inferno. Rob Kersch indicated that for 30 Megabytes it would cost \$1,890.00 to install and \$30.00 monthly.

**New Business:** It was mentioned there was an altered camera and that it is now fixed to the road. All cameras have been readjusted. Ron suggested additional cameras on the property and indicated it would be \$700.00 to \$800.00 to install two to three more cameras. After discussion Lewis Smith

moved to put in three more cameras and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.** There was discussion of public signs, one indicating 'video surveillance in use' and one indicating 'no cash transactions accepted'. After discussion Rob Kersch moved to purchase video monitoring signs and the 'no cash transactions accepted' sign from the Prison. Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Security camera access was discussed and when the cameras were initially installed three people were given access to monitor the cameras on their Smart phones, Ron Mjelde, Lewis Smith and Jeremiah Maulding. Ron indicated that Jeremiah had been removed from access prior to his termination. After discussion the board felt that Rob Kersch should have access. Anthony Savalla moved that Rob Kersch have access to video footage at the landfill and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. Rob Kersch abstained from voting and the rest of the board voted in favor. **Motion passed.** Rob Kersch moved that law enforcement have access to video footage as well and Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Employee clothing, such as vests, was discussed. Candlestick around the animal pit at \$30.00 a piece and Ron indicated he had ordered a dozen. It was noted that a locking file cabinet from the County would be delivered to the landfill office. Ron indicated to the board that there would be an inspection (Insurance) at the landfill by Pat McCarthy.

The board approached Josh Brenton and asked him what they could do to help him. He requested an oil pump, a new windshield for the white dump truck and more catch fences if possible.

Justin Williams, board member of PRDD, thanked the board for their help and with accepting the 100 refrigerators that were dumped at the Avon dump site and allowing them to be taken to the landfill. He indicated that the board should consider a 5% rate increase to the PRDD fee that is transferred to the RDD account monthly.

**Financial Report:** The financials were reviewed. Rob Kersch reviewed the Quick Books program with the board and explained that he had entered all tickets from the landfill into the program to create invoices and had mailed them. He reported that the total of those invoices were \$1,421.00 for April.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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**Ron Mjelde, Board Chairman**

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**Donita Anderson, Secretary**