

# DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

*Members Present:* Charlie Brand, Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Ron Mjelde, Anthony Savalla, Paul Thompson

*Members Absent:* Rob Kersch, Dan Sager

*Others Present:* Dale Perkins, Donita Anderson, Barry Damschen, Justin Williams, PRDD Board Member, Ted Dodge-Watershed Restoration Coalition, Cora Helm-LC Compost Solutions in Helena, Amanda Cooley-Powell County Planner.

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

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### Meeting Agenda

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

**Adopt Minutes:** Jack Eldredge made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Barry Damschen Report:** Barry handed out a sheet from Pilch Engineering, RE: Seismic Stability Assessment "Proposal for Geotechnical Evaluation Services to pursue evaluation of the surface conditions for proposed expansion". The initial fee for the Seismic Stability is \$5,000.00 with the complete Seismic Stability Assessment Report being \$10,000.00. After discussion Anthony Savalla moved to accept the contract and Lewis Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Landfill Manager's Report:** Dale Perkins reported that a new battery is needed for the Dozer. He also needs a Genie Lift to keep out the pigeons. Parts are needed for the orange Dump truck (from Interstate). Everything else is running and doing good. Dale reported some issues with the public not dumping where they are supposed to. Ron Reported that the 'video' and 'no cash' signs are at the landfill. The Office Inventory List, Landfill Equipment Inventory and the Shop & Tool Inventory sheets are complete.

**Equipment Report:** Bobcat has a hydraulic leak. Dale reported that Jamie Cosens is beneficial for repairs. He also indicated that a Grader would be beneficial. Charlie Brand suggested new tires for both the white and orange Dump trucks. The white Dump trucks right front tire is worn out and the tires do not match. The back tires are both flat. As discussed in the past, to replace the windshield on the white Dump truck will be \$325.00 for the windshield and \$195.00 for the side window glass. Charlie Brand suggested new tires for both the white and orange Dump trucks. After discussion Lewis moved to fix the white Dump truck windshield and side window and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

After further discussion Anthony Savalla moved to replace the front right tire on the white and orange Dump trucks and replace a back tire on the white Dump truck. Lewis Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Continuing Business:** Updated Landfill By-Laws were reviewed noting the changes that Lewis had made in particular sections. Charlie Brand moved to accept the changes to update the landfill By-Laws and Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Justin Williams of the PRDD Board reported that around 271 tires had been dumped off in the North Valley and had already been brought into the landfill on, or around July 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Justin talked about taking the tires to Enviro-Tire, over by Polson, to be shredded. The price would be \$125/ton delivered. It was discussed that the landfill could have a staging area for the tires until they could be hauled. After discussion Ron Mjelde moved for a six-month, trial-run, with delivering tires to Enviro-Tire and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Ted Dodge and Cora Helm were in attendance to encourage composting. Ted talked about a \$5,000.00 start-up fee offered and mentioned that Brad Balis of FWP, who was not in attendance, could help with funds for fencing. Cora talked about composting versus above-ground burial.

One of the Employees at the landfill has a tool box for sale and Dale Perkins said he could use a good tool box in the shop for the landfill. It was mentioned to look around first and was suggested to table the discussion for the next meeting.

The PRDD fee was discussed noting that the current rate now is \$146.00/40 yd container and \$73.00/20 yd construction container. Justin Williams reported that the board would settle with a 7.5% increase for the fees charged for PRDD to haul to the landfill. After discussion Lewis Smith moved to accept the 7.5% fee increase and Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**New Business:** Ron Mjelde introduced Paul Thompson as a new member of the landfill board. Amanda Cooley, Powell County Planner attended the meeting to talk about acquiring soil from the landfill for the Arrowstone Park. She was requesting around 300 yards. She indicated that the park board can haul it if the landfill can load it. There was discussion of \$2.00/yd for the soil and \$2.00/yd to load the soil. After discussion Anthony Savalla moved to charge \$4.00/yd, \$2.00 for the soil and \$2.00 for the loading of the 300 yards requested. Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Lewis Smith asked about an allowance of about \$2,000.00 for the Landfill Manager so that he can take care of issues at the time needed instead of waiting until each monthly board meeting. After discussion Lewis Smith moved for a \$2,000.00 allowance for the Landfill Manager to access as needed prior to monthly board meetings and Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Ron Mjelde reported to the board that the budget for the landfill was turned in to the Commissioners for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**Financial Report:** Financials were reviewed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**Ron Mjelde, Board Chairman**

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**Donita Anderson, Secretary**