

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024

Members Present: Rob Kersch, Paul Thompson, Lewis Smith, Anthony Savalla, Dan Sager, Ron Mjelde, Charlie Brand

Members Absent: Jack Eldredge

Others Present: Dale Perkins, Justin Williams, Jeremy Cousins, Barry Damschen, Mary Hendrickson, Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 5:00 pm at the County Courthouse Conference Room

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: Anthony Savalla made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2nd, 2024, meeting. Paul Thompson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry Damschen Report: Barry indicated that the landfill looked good versus the litter, said the wind has been an issue. Noticed not much sewage sludge. Dale Perkins indicated he has held back the City due to wet product. Barry submitted the Seismic study and received approval from DEQ, 180 days to prepare EA. Lewis Smith asked when they can put a shovel to the ground. Barry indicated public comment still needed, still possibly next Summer to Fall. Summer of 2026 when garbage could be accepted at new site. Barry indicated \$2 Million for the lining and the process of installing it. Barry talked about how other landfills are taking out their Closure-Post Closure funds from 1st Interstate Bank and putting it in their local banks as CD's. He suggested the board look into that process. Paul Thompson said he'd be interested in researching the CD information. Anthony Savalla offered to look into it as well.

Landfill Manager's Report: Dale Perkins reported that he received an e-mail from the State to get a fence installed (electrical) to keep cattle out. Ron Mjelde reported that a surveyor came out and marked property. Paul Thompson suggested a sheet that explains all specs to get out to contractors to fence current area versus full expansion. Dale worked up refrigeration costs at \$2,000.00. Dale reported that Tony Stoddard came and looked at replacement of lights at the shop possibly needing two new circuits and quoted \$7,000.00 with all new LED lights. He reported that he completed a burn. Dale reported that James Waters was hired April 30th as the new landfill attendant starting at \$15/hour. Dale and Jeremy Cousins looked at a 2003 International Dump Truck with a DT466 Nat'l motor with 75,000 original miles. The owner, Tom Rice of Butte is asking \$35,000.00. After discussion Lewis Smith moved to purchase the 2003 International Dump truck and Charlie Brand seconded motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Dale reported that the orange truck is 20 years old and running hard. He also said Troy McQueary called him to report that the cab is on the loader.

Equipment Report: N/A

New Business: There was discussion of REC Silicon – Terry Jennings, who was thought to be at the board meeting but did not attend, had talked with Dan Sager about the landfill accepting sludge from REC. Barry Damschen will contact Terry Jennings.

Wage rate was suggested and Ron Mjelde asked for more board members to be involved with the budget which is coming up in a couple months. Paul Thompson and Dale Perkins said they were interested in being involved with it. Rob Kersch talked about a feasible increase in wages in order to keep the good help they now have. Rob would also like to see the attendants wage increase to \$18/hr. from \$15.00. The Operator I wage to go from \$20.00/hr to \$22.00/hr. The Operator II wage to go from \$22.00/hr. to \$24.20/hr. The Managers wage to go from \$27.00/hr. to \$30.00/hr. Mark Burnette would be returning as temporary help as well. After discussion Rob

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moved to advance the wages for the Landfill Manager to \$30/hr., the Operator I to \$22/hr., Operator II to \$24.20/hr., Landfill Attendant to \$18/hr. and that Mark Burnette be returned as temporary help. Paul Thompson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Continuing Business: N/A

Financial Report: Financials were reviewed, and it was moved by Anthony Savalla to accept the financials and this was seconded by Paul Thompson. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Ron Mjelde, Chairman

Donita Anderson, Secretary