

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

Members Present: Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Tom Curran, Dan Sager, Anthony Savalla, Charlie Brand and Lewis Smith
Members Absent: Ron mjelde and Dave Byers
Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Trent Freeman, Ted Dodge and Donita Anderson
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 5:00 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by board Co-Chairman Tom Curran at 5:10 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

Adopt Minutes: Dan Sager made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6th, 2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Anthony Savalla. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah reported that everything was going good. He indicated he would need a new alternator for the Excavator. Jack reported that the actual price paid for the D6 Dozer purchased from Rick Hunter was \$30,000.00 instead of the \$32,000.00. Jeremiah reported that the Compactor is not quite running right, thought it might be injectors. Still having issues with the cell phone, does not hold a charge and the time clock is now being used. Discussion on the TD25 International Dozer and what to do with it, scraping it versus selling it. Jeremiah reported that Steve Turk of Butte will be picking up scrap metal.

Continuing Business: Trent Freeman, Public Works Superintendent for the City received an e-mail from Tim Stepp, DEQ Solid Waste Program, who reported that the sludge has approval to be hauled to the landfill. Barry Damschen will need to review the letter from DEQ. Hauling fees were discussed with Trent, yards versus tons and the rate were discussed. Ten yards of sludge a week could only be hauled. After reviewing the e-mail it indicated a Class I approval, Deer Lodge landfill is a Class II. Trent will e-mail Tim Stepp to get a Class II unlined clarification.

Ted Dodge, with Blackfoot Challenge, was at the meeting to discuss composting with domestic carcasses. He works with Cora Helm of LC Compost Solutions out of Helena and indicated if the board was interested in composting he highly recommended her. He indicated that WRC could cover the feasibility study costs, cost of permits and apply for grants to help landfills get set up for carcass composting. Ted contacted Cora on his phone so she could review the process with the board. She indicated it would be somewhat labor intensive. She indicated one operator would spend two to three hours per week in the summertime with turning and watering the piles, turning them with a front-end loader. She talked about a recipe for composting but would need more information from the board. Dan Sager asked about adding animals to existing piles. She indicated to lay carcasses on existing pile length-wise. She also noted that road kill would not be mixed with ranch animals due to Chronic Wasting Disease but did say horses can be accepted. With discussion the compost would be used for spread at the landfill. Dan Sager indicated that it wouldn't really be a revenue source. Lewis Smith said it would be worth having Cora do a feasibility study. She mentioned she would talk with Barry Damschen about this as well. Dan Sager moved to allow a feasibility study for the composting, Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Dale Trotter, who owns a mobile home at 2054 West River Road (Parcel #M900020) had written a letter of request to Ron Mjelde asking if the RDD fee could be removed as he pays no taxes on it due to the age of it and it has been disconnected from any services and is being used as a shed only. After discussion Lewis Smith moved to remove the 2021 and forward RDD fee of \$144.00, Anthony Savalla seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Payroll for employees was brought up and discussed. Jeremiah referred back to the April 7th, 2020, meeting where a \$2.00 raise was voted on for Operator I and Operator II and then in six months another \$2.00 raise would be given to Operator I and Operator II. Jeremiah indicated that the second \$2.00 raise for the operators had not been implemented. After discussion Lewis Smith moved to retro back pay for Operator I and Operator II through October 2020 forward as well as \$2.00/hr more for Jeremiah starting May 1, 2021, this was seconded by Charlie Brand. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

New Business: It was mentioned that Ron Mjelde had received a call from Ben at Northwestern Energy the transformer has leaked into the ground and that it was non-PCB. Jeremiah stated that he gets about two or three a year but has to have documentation before taking them.

Financial Report: The financials were reviewed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Donita Anderson, Secretary