



FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

September 19, 2016

1. **PRELIMINARY ITEMS:**

a. – c. The regular meeting of the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District Board of Directors was held on the above date and time; called to order by CHAIRMAN ADAMS at 9:30am. CHAIRMAN ADAMS then led the Pledge of Allegiance and declared a quorum of the Board with the following people in attendance:

<u>Board Members:</u>	Michael Adams, Gary Weisz, Mark Moxley, Rob Dolcater, Mike Morgan, Mike McDonald, Steve Baumann (called in), Gina Clingerman (called in)
<u>Excused Members:</u>	Richard Klaproth
<u>Commissioner Liaison:</u>	Doug Thompson
<u>Liaisons:</u>	None Present
<u>Attorney:</u>	Rick Sollars (Western Law & Assoc.)
<u>Staff:</u>	Andrew Frey (Superintendent) and Linda Kummer (Bookkeeper)
<u>Consultants:</u>	Ernie Over (Ernie Over Communication)
<u>Guests:</u>	Dot Newton, Shawn Griffin (CES), and Anna Smith (Wyoming Waste), Amber Reimondo (Wyoming Outdoor Council)

d. **Approval of Agenda**

MIKE MORGAN made a motion to approve the consent agenda, removing the Superintendent's Report for discussion. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

e. **Public Comment/Communication from the Floor**

CHAIRMAN ADAMS opened the floor to public comment.

Discussions: (1.) Amber Reimondo commented that the Recycling Stakeholders group supports the potential changes to removing plastics #3-7 and discontinuing the community drop-off for recycling in Lander. She asked the Board to allow adequate time for public communication as part of any potential changes to the recycling program and to consider allowing additional time prior to considering any changes to the rural recycling program. (2.) Dot Newton stated that public communication will be provided county-wide by their group for any changes.

2. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

a. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

- i. August 20, 2016, Board Meeting

b. **Approval of Accounts Payable – August 2016**

c. **Acceptance of Consultants Reports:**

- i. Trihydro Corporation – Progress Report
- ii. Burns and McDonnell – Progress Report
- iii. Eastern Shoshoni Tribe Solid Waste – No Report Submitted

d. **Acceptance of Staff Reports:**

- i. Superintendent Report – **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Discussions: (1.) MIKE MORGAN commented on the discussion in the Superintendent's Report regarding the legislative pursuit by Campbell County on a potential \$1.00 to \$5.00 per ton "tax" on all waste received in the State of Wyoming as this could create upwards of \$150,000 per year impact on the residents of Fremont County. (2.) MIKE MORGAN suggested the District begin working with local legislators to formally oppose the potential bill. (3.) MARK MOXLEY informed the Board that there was discussion at this year's WSWRA conference on this subject and that very little information was available or known. He too supports legislative efforts. (4.) Commissioner Thompson stated that in the coming week there is a WACO meeting in Cheyenne where there will be an opportunity to discuss this with other Counties. He went on to say that Campbell County is going through very difficult financial times, just at the rest of Wyoming is, and is likely exploring options for balancing their budget.

MIKE MORGAN made a motion to formally oppose the Campbell County legislative efforts on implementing a per ton fee on solid waste accepted including distribution of appropriate correspondence. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

a. Tire Management Discussions

Superintendent Frey discussed the correspondence from Liberty Tire that was forwarded on to all of the Board members regarding the current per ton rate for tire acceptance, cost for collection, fuel surcharges, annual rate increases, and cost difference between Lander, Riverton and especially Dubois.

Discussions: (1.) GARY WEISZ asked if this would apply to all tire distributors. → The proposed tire disposal fee would apply to all customers disposing of tires not just tire distributors. (2.) MIKE MORGAN said that businesses build into their rates disposal costs. He also supports the idea of having rates cover actual recycling costs. (3.) MARK MOXLEY supports the tire recycling process and associated rates as long as the tires are recycled at all sites. → Superintendent Frey expressed concern for the handling of the Dubois tires as the proposed rates would not cover the higher costs of recycling the tires at Dubois, and that tire retailers would direct their tire disposal to Dubois if the higher "recycling" rate was not in place at the site. (4.) MIKE MORGAN and MARK MOXLEY both agreed that there would be losses because of the rates at Dubois, but they supported the proposed rates and to include Dubois at the same rates. (5.) ROB DOLCATER suggested working with the tire retailers to assist them with better tire management, such as having them work directly with a tire recycler. (6.) Dot Newton expressed concern for West Nile. → The current handling of tires and site operational permit includes stockpiling tires.

b. Recycling

Discussions: (1.) GARY WEISZ stated that he would like to see all recycling go across the scales and be charged the same rate as waste. (2.) MARK MOXLEY supports the proposed changes to remove plastics #3-7, discontinue the community drop-off in Lander, and discontinue the recycling program at the rural transfer stations; but he wants to ensure the changes are benchmarked to measure the impact. (3.) Superintendent Frey provided an update from the City of Riverton with their intentions to discontinue the community drop-offs in Riverton and to end acceptance of plastics #3-7, both effective November 1, 2016. (4.) MIKE MORGAN summarized the proposed changes; accepting only plastics #1 & #2, eliminating community drop-off in Lander, and discontinue rural recycling.

MIKE MORGAN made a motion to recycle only plastics #1 & #2 in the plastics group, cease operating the public drop-off in Lander, and eliminate the recycling program at the rural transfer stations, all effective January 1, 2017. MIKE MCDONALD seconded the motion.

Discussions: (1.) Attorney Sollars confirmed that there would not be a need for a rule change. (2.) Dot Newton requested that the Board avoid implementing any changes at the rural transfer stations as it may impact a vote for a special district or tax mechanism if pursued. (3.) GARY WEISZ stated that the District staff has gone without a raise in wages for over two years, so cost savings may allow for consideration to them. (4.) Superintendent Frey clarified that with the proposed change at the rural sites, the only service at those sites would include waste disposal. He reminded the group that the rural communities have the opportunity to operate a volunteer recycling program just as Pavillion and Lysite have pursued with a recycling trailer provided by the District. (5.) Commissioner Thompson suggested that the Recycling Stakeholders group could operate a rural recycling program with the use of the District's trailers. (6.) Dot Newton asked to give the Recycling Stakeholders group one year to pursue the special district and/or special tax. (7.) MIKE MORGAN indicated that he would be ok with meeting the request of the Recycling Stakeholders group to give them until next budgeting season to formulate a special district and/or special tax, leaving the rural transfer station recycling program as it is with the fee reduction.

MIKE MORGAN made a motion to amend his previous motion to remove the last component "discontinue the rural recycling", leaving the rural transfer station recycling program as it is. MIKE MCDONALD seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Call for a vote on the first motion regarding recycling: **MOTION CARRIED**

c. Landfill Closure Alternative Design - Update

Superintendent Frey updated the Board on the geotechnical exploration findings at the Shoshoni Landfill. The testing has found that there will not be sufficient soil volumes that meet the criteria required for the evapo-transpiration landfill cap. Additional testing will be completed to determine if there will be adequate volumes of soil suitable for a gas collection system needed in a synthetic cap design – what appears to be the next best option for a closure design.

d. New Business

- i. Superintendent Frey requested input from the Board on nominations for the Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) Board.
- ii. MIKE MORGAN shared with the Board:
 1. Health insurance information regarding the increases in cost the County and County staff have taken on with their current health care plan. Currently, the County staff is contributing \$587 per month for their share in a family plan and the Special District's contributes \$2,729 per month for their share in a family plan. These employees have the opportunity to save \$100 per month if they participate in the wellness program.
 2. Thoughts regarding reconsideration of linking/tying the District staff wages to the County Road & Bridge department's wages. In other areas it is not uncommon to have a 5% differential/increase for staff that work in "noxious environments," such as solid waste.
 3. The District's pursuit of an alternative health care plan has created an atmosphere where utilization, or lack thereof, can allow for savings on the overall plan depending on utilization. This creates a potential opportunity to share in the savings with the staff, as their actions as good medical consumers creates the potential for plan savings. He suggested that if the overall plan utilization is below the budgeted threshold, the savings could be shared. The savings could be split in half, with half staying with the District and half being evenly distributed with the staff. This could happen at the end of the fiscal year or at the end of the calendar year. With the changes in operations over the

past few years, the staff have taken on more responsibility and the number of full-time staff members has remained below the operational design.

4. The BLM is working through a cleanup around the Dubois area, and he felt it may be beneficial to the County as a whole if the District was to develop a program to assist with cleanup costs. The goal of a program of this nature would encourage volunteerism. A suggested range of fee waivers could be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

5. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

GARY WEISZ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:59am. MIKE MORGAN seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

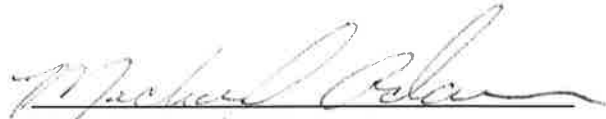
6. UPCOMING MEETING(S):

- a. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 17, 2016, at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Andrew Frey, P.E.
Superintendent of Operations
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District



Michael Adams
Board of Directors Chairman
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District