



FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

December 16, 2020

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 called to order by VICE-CHAIRMAN ADAMS at 9:30am. VICE-CHAIRMAN ADAMS then led the Pledge of Allegiance and declared that there was a quorum of the Board with the following people in attendance:

Board Members: Rod Haper (via Zoom), Michael Adams, Rick Klapproth, Gary Weisz, Jennifer Lamb (via Zoom), Robert Townsend, Steve Baumann, and Rob Dolcater
Excused Member(s): Mark Moxley
Unexcused Member(s): No Unexcused Members
Commissioner Liaison: No Commissioner Liaison
Community Liaisons: Kyle Larson (City of Riverton)
Attorney: Rick Sollars (Western Law & Assoc.)
Staff: Superintendent Andy Frey
Consultant(s): Matt Evans (Burns and McDonnell) via Zoom, Susan Brodie, and Jason Lund (Carver, Florek, and James) via Zoom
Guest(s): Brian Eggleston (City of Riverton)

d. **Approval of Agenda**

BOB TOWNSEND made a motion to approve the consent agenda, moving the Executive Session to the second item under New Business. STEVE BAUMANN seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

VICE-CHAIRMAN ADAMS opened the floor to public comment. Hearing no comment, the public comment period was closed.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

a. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

i. November 2020

b. **Approval of Accounts Payable**

i. November 2020 Invoices

c. **Acceptance of Consultants Reports:**

i. Trihydro Corporation – Progress Report

ii. Burns and McDonnell – Progress Report

iii. Wind River Indian Reservation Inter-Tribal Solid Waste Program – No Report Submitted

d. **Acceptance of Staff Reports:**

i. Superintendent Report

3. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

a. **Carver, Florek, and James CPAs – FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit (*Presentation*)**

Superintendent Frey introduced Jason Lund with Carver, Florek, and James CPA firm. This firm has completed their first financial audit for the District.

Jason Lund summarized the audit: (1.) Qualified their review with a clean opinion. (2.) Identified what they feel was a prior period overstatement of liability based on GASB-18 formula. The District disagreed with this finding based on the excessive simplicity of the formula. (3.) Typical small operational limitations on segregation of duties with too few staff members.

b. **Executive Session – Personnel**

SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:55am, allowing the District Attorney and Superintendent to remain and allowing the Accountant and Bookkeeper to remain in the Superintendent's office. BOB TOWNSEND seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

ROB DOLCATER made a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:42am. BOB TOWNSEND seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

ROB DOLCATER made a motion to authorize an additional 10-days of vacation for the Superintendent consistent with the Board's annual review of his performance. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

c. **Teton County Request for Deer Carcass Disposal (*Discussions*)**

Superintendent Frey explained to the Board that the new solid waste director at Teton County reached out to the District a week ago to again request consideration of an opportunity to dispose of their deer carcasses. Teton County ships their solid waste over the Wyoming-Idaho state line and cannot legally transfer diseased animal carcasses across state lines. In 2019, Teton County had their first confirmed CWD deer carcass. They have a small animal carcass pit that has very limited site life remaining, and they continue to seek out alternative disposal options. The pit will be closed by June 2021 as required by the WDEQ. Their annual deer carcass waste generation is around 30 tons.

Discussion(s): (1.) A recent stakeholders group spearheaded by Wyoming Game & Fish developed a white paper that should have guidance. (2.) The District should reach out to Wyoming Game & Fish for additional guidance.

d. **Operational Efficiency Evaluation and Strategic Planning Project Update – Matt Evans (*Discussions*)**

Superintendent Frey communicated with the Board that with the length of the meeting leading into this agenda item, Matt Evans could not participate in the discussions.

Discussion(s): (1.) Planning Committee's Role. (2.) Individual Board member priority list for future considerations. (3.) Baseline Model. (4.) Public Participation. (5.) Stakeholder involvement and timeline. (6.) Stakeholder list. (7.) Review/filter process for stakeholder feedback. (8.) Plan for extended discussions at the January meeting.

e. **Shoshoni Landfill – Closure Timeline (*Discussions and Formal Action*)**

Superintendent Frey informed the Board that the Shoshoni Landfill is very near reaching design capacity. Additionally, consistent with the administrative order associated with the grant awarded to the District, a closure schedule must be submitted to the WDEQ by the end of the month.

The recommended closure plan includes (1.) Set January 31, 2021, as the date for the site to be closed to the public. (2.) Use the remaining airspace at the site for tire management from January 31, 2021, through May 30,

2021. (3.) Finalize the construction plans and specifications, and bid documents between January 1, 2021, and April 30, 2021. (4.) Bid the closure project between March and May 2021. (5.) Award the project in June 2021. (6.) Commence construction July 15, 2021.

Discussion(s): (1.) The Town of Shoshoni rodeo ground area could benefit from a cleanup and could generate soils. (2.) The WDEQ/SLIB grant remains in effect. (3.) Proper public notice and direct notice to the Town of Shoshoni is important.

ROB DOLCATER made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommended timeline, including appropriate public notice and a letter summarizing the plan directly to the Town of Shoshoni. BOB TOWNSEND seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Shoshoni Landfill Monitoring Well: Superintendent Frey informed the Board there have been a number of discussions with the WDEQ-SHWD and Trihydro regarding the installation of one additional upgradient monitoring well. It has been concluded that the installation will be required prior to entry into the post-closure period of the site by the WDEQ-SHWD; therefore, allowing the installation through the WDEQ LRP provides the installation at no cost and is in the best interest of the District.
- b. Annual Christmas Tree Program: Wyoming Game & Fish has communicated cancellation of this year's Ocean Lake Christmas Tree placement project due to COVID concerns.
- c. FCSWDD Christmas Party: Due to the increase in local and state-wide COVID cases, the District administration has decided to cancel this year's Christmas party.
- d. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming: The District received communication from BCBS of Wyoming that 50% of the premiums paid in November 2020 will be returned to the District, providing the District with \$15,479. Superintendent Frey stated that a portion of the premiums being returned were paid by the District staff and proposed that the Board consider sharing in the savings consistent with current District policies where savings associated with health and safety are distributed back to the staff at 85%. The District would continue to save 15% and there would be no expense back to the District.

Discussion(s): (1.) District staff are deemed essential and have worked without hesitation throughout the entire pandemic. There have been no shut-downs, closure to the public, the public has not experienced any service limitations unlike other governmental and private programs. (2.) The 85% / 15% split is consistent with the District's Safety Incentive Policy. (3.) The 2016 health benefit savings distribution with the staff was at 50%. (4.) The 2016 50% savings distribution was based on a \$60,000 value. (5.) Changing the rate of savings distribution from 50% to 85% would create an inconsistent precedent. (6.) Alternative distribution considerations should be explored.

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to share the savings with the staff at 50%, consistent with the health benefit savings distribution in 2016. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion.

Discussion(s): (1.) Clarification was requested on how the balance retained by the District would be applied. The balance would be applied back as credit and reduce the future health insurance expense. (2.) An amendment was offered to the motion. The offer was denied. (3.) A request was made to call the question on the current motion.

Vote: In Favor: STEVE BAUMANN, BOB TOWNSEND

In Opposition: VICE-CHAIRMAN ADAMS, ROD HAPER, JENNIFER LAMB, ROB DOLCATER,
SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH, GARY WEISZ **MOTION FAILED**

JENNIFER LAMB made a motion to share the health benefit savings with the District staff at a rate of 85% with the District retaining 15%. The motion is contingent on clarification with the District Attorney that there are no legal issues with the process. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: BOB TOWNSEND, VICE-CHAIRMAN ADAMS, ROD HAPER, JENNIFER LAMB, ROB DOLCATER, SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH, GARY WEISZ

In Opposition: STEVE BAUMANN

MOTION CARRIED

5. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to adjourn at 11:57AM. ROB DOLCATER seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. UPCOMING MEETING(S):

a. The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

- i. January 18, 2021, at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by,



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Superintendent of Operations
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District



Mark Moxley
Board of Director's Chairman
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District