



FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 19, 2021

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

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

d. **Approval of Agenda**

BOB TOWNSEND made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

CHAIRMAN ADAMS opened the floor to public comment.

Discussions: (1.) Kyle Larson offered a question to the Board as to how with the reduction in county-wide population that the waste tonnages have been maintained. Superintendent Frey responded that typically a reduction in money leads to an increase in waste generation through lower quality items and food that generate higher volumes of waste. (2.) Brian Eggleston informed the group that their yard waste program is up and running, but they continue to wait for the new tub grinder to be delivered.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

a. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- i. March 2021

b. **Approval of Accounts Payable**

- i. March 2021 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. Operational Evaluation and Strategic Planning Project Update – Matt Evans (*Discussion*)

Matt Evans (Burns and McDonnell) again reviewed the Board selected operational alternative models, relaying that certain decisions will need to be made in order to keep moving ahead. He then reviewed his understanding of a few items that need Board guidance:

- Riverton Transfer Station: based on prior review and discussion, this site is currently considered for closure. No formal discussions have been held with the City; however, there have been a number of informal discussions with City staff. The Superintendent will continue to meet with the City staff to review.

Discussions: (1.) Commissioner Jones asked the reasoning for the site closure. Superintendent Frey explained that the site is undersized and modifications were made to “get by” until the operations were moved to Sand Draw. The building is undersized and would need a major renovation or replacement, adding significant expense. Additionally, double handling waste that only needs to be hauled 7-9 miles adds additional operational expense with additional equipment and staff. The staff at the site would be moved to Sand Draw once the operations transition to make that the primary landfill in the county.

- Lander Transfer Station: No decisions have been made as to whether or not this will be constructed, and if constructed, what customer base it will serve. If all customer bases are allowed, a decision would need to be made on whether or not to accept large demolition loads. A building sized for only smaller, residential loads, will cost around \$2 million less than one that could accommodate residential loads and larger commercial loads, not accounting for large demolition loads.
- Disposal Rate Differential by Site: With the recent discussion around reducing the rates at Sand Draw to encourage direct hauls and possibly coincide with a customer-base change at Lander, the revenue needs will need to be considered to operate the District as a whole. Savings associated with the District’s reduced hauling will be included in the review. Assumptions will be made to determine what the volume changes will be site-by-site with a variation of rate adjustments applied when completing the calculations.

b. Scale Facility Project Draft Layout and Detail Review – Burns and McDonnell (*Discussions*)

Matt Evans presented and reviewed the conceptual layouts for the Lander, Sand Draw and Dubois facilities.

c. Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget Review (*Discussions*)

Superintendent Frey reviewed the draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget with the Board, explaining that the draft budget was initially reviewed with the Budget Committee, making adjustments based on their comments.

Discussions: (1.) VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY presented to the Board a potential change that would impact the draft budget that he and the Health Benefit Committee had been working on and has been supported by the Budget Committee:

- The current health benefit plan was developed in 2015 without any changes since.
- The premium being paid by the employees has been increasing due to changes made by Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- The maximum out-of-pocket being paid by the employees has been increasing due to the changes made by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

- No wage adjustments are being planned or considered.
- An increase to the HSA contribution by the District could assist with the increase in the maximum out-of-pocket and premiums.
- A three-year plan has been developed to increase the HSA contribution.
- Employees will receive the full dollar benefit since it is pre-tax.
- The increase for the single plan is: year one - \$1,000, year two - \$800, year three - \$800, and for the family plans: year one - \$2,200, year two - \$1,500, year three - \$1,500.

GARY WEISZ made a motion to approve the HSA contribution plan as presented, adjusting the draft budget accordingly. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

BOB TOWNSEND made a motion to approve the draft budget as amended with the HSA contribution plan changes. ROB DOLCATER seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

d. Shoshoni Landfill Closure – Synthetic Liner Availability Discussions (*Discussions*)

Superintendent Frey discussed with the Board a potential need to postpone the Shoshoni Landfill closure. Trihydro recently contacted the District to discuss the synthetic liner availability within the US and the significant cost increase driven by the lack of supply. Trihydro’s Travis Evans commented that: “In recent months, the volatility of the resin market has increased as suppliers are experiencing a higher demand than their supply can accommodate. A decline in worldwide production coupled with demand for spun bound products to counter the COVID-19 pandemic have made procurement of these basic feed stocks for these products difficult and uncertain. This lack of market availability and recent extreme winter weather along the Gulf Coast, has created an even larger force majeure impacting the pricing and availability of resin. Because of this Force Majeure, geosynthetic manufactures cannot currently guarantee pricing or production lead times for products ordered containing polypropylene and polyethylene.”

Discussions: (1.) Savings in the earthwork with the limited amount of local construction may overcome any cost increases of the liner materials. (2.) The District could always reject all bids if the cost is too high driven by liner shortages. (3.) General costs may increase as well through the year.

The Board consensus was to bid the project out.

e. Used Backhoe Bid Review (*Discussions and Formal Action*)

Superintendent Frey informed the Board that the District advertised for and received bids on the two used backhoes. The trade value offered by Wyoming Machinery was used as the baseline. The Wyoming Machinery bids were:

- Riverton - \$13,500
- Dubois - \$11,500

Thirteen bids were received with the two highest as:

- Riverton - \$18,300 by Quetin Williams
- Dubois - \$22,500 by Philp Sheep Company

ROB DOLCATER made a motion to sell the machines to the highest bidders. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. NEW BUSINESS – No new business


5. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH made a motion to adjourn at 11:50AM. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

6. UPCOMING MEETING(S):

- a. **The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: May 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,



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Superintendent of Operations
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District



Michael Adams
Board of Director's Chairman
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District