



FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

June 21, 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 VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY at 9:30am. VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY then led the Pledge of Allegiance and declared that there was a quorum of the Board with the following people in attendance:

- Board Members: Michael Adams (via Zoom), Rick Klaproth, Gary Weisz, Jennifer Lamb (via Zoom), Robert Townsend, Steve Baumann, Rod Haper, and Mark Moxley
- Excused Member(s): Rob Dolcater
- Unexcused Member(s): *no unexcused members*
- Commissioner Liaison: Mike Jones
- Community Liaisons: Kyle Larson (City of Riverton) and John Larson (City of Lander)
- Attorney: Rick Sollars (Western Law & Assoc.)
- Staff: Superintendent Andy Frey
- Consultant(s): Matt Evans (Burns and McDonnell) via Zoom, Cassidy Tieman (Burns and McDonnell) via Zoom, Josh Lee (Burns and McDonnell) via Zoom, Travis Evans (Trihydro), and Susan Brodie (SLB Inc.)
- Guest(s): Brian Eggleston (City of Riverton)

d. Approval of Agenda

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to approve the consent agenda, holding the Trihydro report and the Burns and McDonnell report. JEN LAMB seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

e. Public Comment/Communication from the Floor

VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY opened the floor to public comment. Having no public comment, the public comment was closed.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- i. April 2021

b. Approval of Accounts Payable

- i. April 2021 Invoices

c. Acceptance of Consultants Reports:

- i. Trihydro Corporation – Progress Report → **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
- ii. Burns and McDonnell – Progress Report → **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
- iii. Wind River Indian Reservation Inter-Tribal Solid Waste Program – No Report Submitted

d. Acceptance of Staff Reports:

- i. Superintendent Report

REMOVED ITEMS

Discussions: Trihydro Report: Concern with the reports notes regarding misreporting and false positives. Travis Evans stated that there was a lab error with which samples they were asked to analyze for PFAS/PFOS constituents. The error was identified by Trihydro. Additionally, there appears to be false positives or possibly sampling contamination in the Lander samples. This was also identified by Trihydro and they are working on how best to report the errors to the WDEQ. (2.) Trihydro will have Caroline Brewer available at the next meeting to better explain the situation and remedies at the next Board meeting.

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to accept the Trihydro report. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussions: Burns and McDonnell Report: Clarification was requested on the timeline of the Capacity Audits referenced in the report. Superintendent Frey explained that the most recent capacity audits were provided to the Board at the April/May meeting.

BOB TOWNSEND made a motion to accept the Burns and McDonnell report. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

a. **Shoshoni Landfill Closure Bid Review and Recommendation – Trihydro (*Discussions and Formal Action*)**

Travis Evans explained to the Board that with the significant storms that impacted the resin plants in Texas earlier this year the resin pricing and delivery date for synthetic liner materials remains unpredictable. With the unpredictability, an alternative liner material was approved with the WDEQ for the closure project to ensure competitive pricing. Two bids were received on the closure project. The bids were from DRM at approximately \$1.3 million and from Oftedal at approximately \$1.6 million.

The low bidder's liner contractor was contacted by Trihydro and they confirmed their ability to have the liner materials on time to maintain the construction schedule.

Travis Evans then recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, DRM, with a bid of \$1,312,241.92.

Discussions: (1.) Only two bids were received likely due to the unpredictability in the resin markets and that the project was bid later in the year. (2.) The evapotranspiration (ET) cap design was evaluated at the site and the soils were determined inadequate. (3.) The price differential between the two bids was likely driven by mark-ups from subs and uncertainty with liner scheduling. (4.) The liner suppliers are claiming force majeure and have not been guaranteeing pricing. (5.) There is no known consequence with post-poning the project another year; however, the pricing and availability has not settled down in the past six months.

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to award the Shoshoni Landfill Closure project to DRM with a bid of \$1,312,241.92, contingent on receipt of a signed authorization letter. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

b. **FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget – Wage Discussions (*Discussions and Formal Action*)**

Superintendent Frey informed the Board that the District received communication from the county commission on June 14, 2021, stating that they are looking at possible wage adjustments following review of their job classifications and are open to the District doing the same. Following this communication our accountant pulled together a handout accounting for a few wage adjustment considerations.

Discussions: (1.) Commissioner Jones explained that there was no science applied in developing the number the county set-aside. They plan to review job descriptions and classifications throughout the fiscal year to

evaluate how their wages compare to the workload managed by their staff. (2.) STEVE BAUMANN commented that the staffing numbers have been reduced over the past years and the current staff members are an asset and need to be retained. (3.) CHAIRMAN MOXLEY explained to the group that what is being presented today is to set-aside money to allow for the potential of wage adjustments, but there is no guarantee of a wage adjustment. (4.) CHAIRMAN ADAMS stated that adequate funds should be included for a potential adjustment for the superintendent since he has not received a wage adjustment since 2014.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS made a motion to include into the wages portion of the FY 2021-22 Operating Budget \$60,000 for a possible wage adjustment. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**. Opposing were STEVE BAUMANN and BOB TOWNSEND.

c. Operational Evaluation and Strategic Planning Project Update – Matt Evans (*Discussion*)

Matt Evans (Burns and McDonnell) presented to the Board an operational comparison of the alternative operational model developed over the past months with an operational model that includes a “no change” operational model. The “no change” operational includes a full transfer station at Lander that allows for all customer types and a full transfer station in Riverton that also allows for all customer types. The “no change” operational model will cost the District an additional \$1 million annually, not including the additional \$4 million to \$5 million in capital expenses or any depreciation. Implementation of the “no change” operational model would lead to a \$105 per ton disposal rate.

Discussions: (1.) Brian Eggleston (City of Riverton) suggested that a meeting with the stakeholders would be appropriate prior to any decision making. (2.) Matt Evans committed to developing a set of talking points for the stakeholder meetings.

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

Josh Lee (Burns and McDonnell) reviewed updated construction plans for the Dubois, Lander, and Sand Draw sites.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **2021 Household Hazardous Waste Event:** Superintendent Frey reviewed the 2021 HHW event schedule and explained that the preliminary date for the 2021 HHW event has been altered to better align with volunteer availability through the groups that typically assist with the event. The new date and time is shown on the flyer provided with the meeting packets.
- b. **Hopper Disposal Transfer Station:** Superintendent Frey informed the Board that the District received notification that Hopper Disposal has submitted for a low-hazard low-volume transfer station permit for his Shoshoni property.
- c. **Cooperative Waste Cleanup Project on the WRIR:** Superintendent Frey informed the Board that Representative Lloyd Larson has been spearheading a cleanup project for the WRIR illegal dump sites and asked if the District would be open to administering the contract, as well as considering a disposal rate adjustment for the project.

Discussions: (1.) Attorney Sollars cautioned the Board that the District has no jurisdiction on the lands of the WRIR and any such activities could lead to large liabilities. (2.) VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY commented that the superintendent is spread very thin with his current workload and would be the only appropriate staff person to oversee such a project. (3.) Rate adjustments are requested from private landowners, as well as other governmental agencies on a regular basis and the District would establish a precedent if this was pursued. (4.) A lack of appropriate oversight of this type of work could certainly lead to acceptance of hazardous waste materials within the District’s landfills.

6. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH made a motion to adjourn at 10:50AM. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED


7. UPCOMING MEETING(S):

- a. The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 19, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



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



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