

FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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FREMONT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

September 20, 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:

Board Members:

Michael Adams, Gary Weisz, Jennifer Lamb, Steve Baumann, Rod Haper, Mark

Moxley, Rick Klaproth and Rob Dolcater

Excused Member(s):

Robert Townsend

Unexcused Member(s): no unexcused members

Commissioner Liaison: Mike Jones

Community Liaisons:

John Larson (City of Lander)

Attorney:

Rick Sollars (Western Law & Assoc.)

Staff:

Superintendent Andy Frey

Consultant(s):

no consultants present

Guest(s):

Representative Lloyd Larson

d. Approval of Agenda

STEVE BAUMANN made a motion to approve the consent agenda, removing the Superintendent's Report for discussion. SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

e. Public Comment/Communication from the Floor

CHAIRMAN ADAMS 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. August 2021

b. Approval of Accounts Payable

i. August 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 – **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

<u>Discussion</u>: (1.) Construction schedule update on the Shoshoni Landfill Closure Construction was requested: The prime contractor mobilized in the past week and started the earthwork. The liner installation is anticipated to begin the week of October 5, 2021. (2.) Additional information was requested on the discussions that had taken place regarding an incinerator: Fremont Prevention had reached out to the District to see if there was a chance that the District would be interested in being involved with the purchase and/or operation of an incinerator used for medical drug incineration. The discussion was during the beginning of the investigation stages as they were not sure of cost, sizing, capability or even the permitting requirements.

<u>STEVE BAUMANN</u> made a motion to approve the Superintendent Report. <u>GARY WEISZ</u> seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

a. Tribal Cleanup Project – Representative Lloyd Larson (Discussion)

<u>Representative Larson</u> discussed with the Board the long history of the illegal waste disposal issues on the Wind River Indian Reservation. A recent infusion of federal funds into the state's economy may prove helpful in mitigating the issue. Two recommendations were provided to Governor Gordon for use of a portion of this money, one being the illegal dumping issue and some cleanup efforts, and the second was ongoing management of solid waste.

A current approach would include matching ARPA funds from the state with equal funds from each of the Tribes. The mindset with matching funds and the state involvement lends to the feeling that a portion of the waste illegally disposed of on the reservation comes from off of the reservation.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) maintains a list of all of the known illegal disposal sites on the reservation. This list would be used to guide any cleanup efforts.

All three groups have shown interest in a large-scale cleanup project. One challenge is identifying the best project administration group, including bidding, project oversight, management of the funds, and progress payments. His feeling is that the District would be best equipped as the group receiving the waste from the cleanup project and a working knowledge of solid waste rules.

A goal for management of additional ARPA funds allocated to the Tribes includes investment of monies in a fashion that generates a perpetual return. These investment returns would then be used to fund a permanent solid waste program.

<u>Discussion</u>: (1.) Jurisdiction uncertainties. (2.) Liabilities associated with groups involved. (3.) Development of a MOU identifying jurisdiction and authority from all involved groups – NAT, EST, State of Wyoming, EPA, and IHS. (4.) Development of laws, rules, and regulations to ensure this one-time cleanup event is not required again in the future. (5.) District compensation for time and energy is anticipated and expected.

b. FCSWDD: Tin and Aluminum Bid Review (Discussion and Formal Action)

<u>Superintendent Frey</u> informed the Board that the District had advertised a request for bids on the stockpiled tin and aluminum bales and received two bids. Hopper Metals was the high bid at \$136.50 per ton on the tin and \$0.555 per pound on the aluminum.

Superintendent Frey recommended awarding the bid to Hopper Metals.

<u>SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH</u> made a motion to award the bid to Hopper Metals at the bid price. <u>GARY WEISZ</u> seconded the motion. *MOTION CARRIED*

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **a.** <u>District Staff Appreciation Lunches</u>: <u>Superintendent Frey</u> reminded the Board of the upcoming staff appreciation lunches.
- b. <u>Recycling: John Larson</u> (City of Lander) asked about the financial sustainability of the District's recycling program. <u>Superintendent Frey</u> responded that the District's recycling program does not make any profit, instead that it is heavily subsidized by the waste disposal fees.

c. <u>Shoshoni Landfill Closure Project</u>: <u>VICE-CHAIRMAN MOXLEY</u> asked the superintendent to keep the Board members updated on the construction and coordinate a tour during the liner installation.

5. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER KLAPROTH made a motion to adjourn at 11:00AM. GARY WEISZ seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. **UPCOMING MEETING(S):**

a. The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 18, 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

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