

June 10th, 2021

A regular meeting of the Buena Vista County Landfill was held on the above date, electronically. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Erik Mosbo, with the following members present electronically: Tom Grafft, Jim Wise, Barry Meyer, Mike White, Don Altena, Sue Jarvis, Brian Oakleaf and Megan Peterson. Absent: Stan Henrich and Linn Grove. The electronic meeting protocol was authorized as a result of Governor Reynolds State Public Emergency Declaration issued on March 20, 2020 and extended on September 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and referencing Iowa Code 29C.6(6) and Iowa Code 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12 in relation to open meeting laws. Also present were Manager Lori Dicks, Commission Attorney Gary Armstrong, Jason Raveling from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co. and Kevin Neuroth from Garbage Hauling Services.

Wise moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Wise moved, and Grafft seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 13th regular meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lauren Norland from EVORA was not present, but Manager Dicks confirmed the testing and bi-annual sampling for groundwater impact were completed last week.

The Accountant's Report was prepared by Hunzelman, Putzier, & Co., and presented by Jason Raveling. The financial statement showed \$101,241 in operating receipts and \$160,638 in operating disbursements for the month of May, with \$99,317.99 still due from customers. May saw a rebound decrease to cash of \$46,081, bringing the total Fund Balance to \$2,030,480, including \$468,916 in funds restricted for closure/post-closure. The total of the unpaid bills as of May 31st was \$126,279.76. Peterson moved, and Jarvis seconded, to approve the unpaid bills. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Manager Dicks presented the Manager's Report. It has been a battle keeping the line running would like to form a committee and discuss the future of the operation. Options for the sorting line need to be addressed, including the possibility of an entire shifting of the process. Forklift bids were requested and only one was received in time. Altena moved, and Oakleaf seconded to accept the bid from Lift Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$25,149.00 plus freight. Motion carried with all members voting aye. This bid also included \$3,500 trade-in allowance for the 2005 Nissan it will be replacing.

The quotes for litter control were discussed, including both man-made and natural wind breaks. There was confidence that the fence would make a positive impact and Grafft moved to accept the chain link fabric fencing bid from Midwest Fence & Gate for \$28,196.63. Peterson seconded and the motion carried with all members voting aye. There were two quotes for natural windbreaks, with discussion and suggestions about the species and life spans. Life spans that would lead to single tree replacement would be optimal. As the natural wind break is a long-term solution, a consensus was reached that it was best to gather more information before moving on any proposals.

During the Treasurer's Report it was noted that our 8 to 10 year Capital Equipment plan is at completion. Our hauling contract with Koster Grain is expiring and we will need to extend or go out to bid. Manager Dicks suggested a delay in the wage planning, but the Commission did discuss the rates of other entities as well as the labor outlook.

Clark Fort presented the Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal. The proposal from IMWCA was for \$8,321, which reflects an increase of only \$57. The Commission credited the safety focus and good habits demonstrated by the staff and the management of Lori Dicks for the savings in experience factor and bonus. Oakleaf moved, and Jarvis seconded, to bind the proposal from IMWCA for Fiscal Year 2022. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

The next meeting will be July 8th at 6:00 PM. There was discussion around resuming in-person meetings, and it was agreed that the July 8th meeting be held electronically again, and a plan would be determined at that point, possibly including a temporary move to a social-distance friendly location. There being no further business, Jarvis moved to adjourn at 7:06 pm, seconded by Peterson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted
____ Brian Oakleaf ____