

December 9th, 2021

A regular meeting of the Buena Vista County Landfill was held on the above date, at the Storm Lake City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Erik Mosbo, with the following members present: Jim Wise, Barry Meyer, Don Altena, Brian Oakleaf, Jeff Westcott, and Tom Grafft. Absent: Stan Henrich, Mike White, Megan Peterson and Linn Grove. Also present were Manager Lori Dicks, Jason Raveling from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., Insurance Agent Clark Fort and Attorney Gary Armstrong.

Wise moved, and Grafft seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Wise moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 11th regular meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Joe Farris, with EVORA, was unable to attend, but Manager Lori Dicks stated that there is a possibility that the missing gas vent would not have to be replaced, with a final decision by the DNR expected soon.

The Accountant's Report was prepared by Hunzelman, Putzier, & Co., and presented by Jason Raveling. The financial statement showed \$145,027 in operating receipts and \$147,116 in operating disbursements for the month of November, with \$106,570.22 still due from customers and \$427 of interest earned. The resulting decrease to cash of \$2,796 brings the total Fund Balance to \$2,150,099 including \$469,113 in funds restricted for closure/post-closure. The total of the unpaid bills as of November 30th was \$132,261.71. Wise moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve the unpaid bills. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Manager Dicks presented the Manager's Report. Field audit work is being completed and should be presented at the January meeting. Matt Jefferson with the DNR conducted the annual inspection and all went well. Joyce's Greenery has completed tree planting for the natural wind break.

The 2023 budget was proposed with the following highlights:

- \$1,872,432 in revenues, an \$89,052 increase over the 2022 budget.
- A reduction in pallet and wood fees from \$40 a ton to \$25 a ton. While this move would reduce revenues by around \$5,250 it is recommended as an incentive for better separation of the load and increased recycling.
- No change to the City and County Assessments, remaining at \$34 per capita. However, revenues from Assessments should increase by over \$19,000 due to census increases.
- \$2,017,400 in disbursements, an increase of \$159,050 over the 2022 budget.
- A 3% raise across the board for employees.
- An increase of 15% is assumed for health insurance costs.
- Total estimated operating loss of \$144,968.

Altena moved, and Wise seconded, to approve the 2023 Budget. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Nothing was reported during the Treasurer's Report. There has been no information shared or discussion of the new Soy Pressing plant's need for waste and recycling yet.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Oakleaf moved to adjourn at 6:39 pm, seconded by Westcott. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted
____ Brian Oakleaf ____