

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022
CONDUCTED BY ZOOM

SUPERVISORS

Cathy Mander-Adams	Belvidere	Dana Sweet	Cambridge
Penelope Doherty	Craftsbury	David Whitcomb	Eden
Jane Oliphant	Elmore	Absent	Hyde Park
Howard Romero	Johnson	Charles Cooley	Morristown
Willie Noyes	Stowe	Lucas Tilton	Waterville
Phillip Wilson	Wolcott	Absent	Worcester

STAFF

Susan Alexander	District Manager	Donna Griffiths	Clerk
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Chair Willie Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MEETING

Charles moved and David seconded to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously. (Dana joined the meeting at 6:35.)

3. FY2022 FINANCIALS

a. *Approve March 2022 Financial Reports*

Susan said at the end of the third quarter net income was negative \$30K. Disposal and recycling income continue to be down in comparison to last year.

Charles moved and Lucas seconded to approve the March 2022 financial reports. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. *Ratification of Check Register*

It was moved seconded to ratify the check register. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. POLICY FOR WAIVING SOLID WASTE FEES FOR EMPLOYEES

Susan said it has been an informal, unwritten policy of the district that employees can bring their trash to our facilities at no cost. Recently there have been some incidents of abuse or confusion about what is allowed. James put together a written policy and the executive committee looked at it. The proposed policy allows employees to bring one 30-gallon bag of trash weekly and unlimited food scraps and recycling, for their own

household only. Free disposal does not apply to other items like tires or washing machines. It is not transferable to anyone else.

Lucas asked if this will aid in recruiting. Susan said it can't hurt. Willie asked about consequences if the policy is not followed. Susan said it would be handled similarly to any other policy violation. We are an at-will employer.

Jane moved and Cathy seconded to adopt the proposed policy on waiving solid waste fees for employees. The motion was passed unanimously.

Susan said we have always been open on Easter, but she has learned that many employees would like to have that day off. She may bring a suggested change to the board in the future.

5. UPDATES

Susan said last week we provided a tour of the Lamoille Soil facility as part of the Composting Association of Vermont's Organics Recycling Summit. Howard, Charles, Jane and Penelope attended, as did Mike Casella. There was a suggestion about making sure Japanese knotweed is taken out of compost. Susan will do some research on that. Sarah Lillibridge is comfortable doing tours herself now. She will be able to provide tours for local groups.

Green Up Day was last week. Susan has not heard of any issues. We don't get very involved other than accepting Green Up Day trash. We don't coordinate activities.

Penelope asked where Craftsbury's road crew should take Green Up Day trash. Susan said we take Green Up bags for free at our facilities. We charge for tires. Stowe is the only facility open at this point in the week.

Susan said the proposed update to the bottle bill has changed multiple times. She is hearing that Sen. Bray is going to put glass back into it.

Susan said we have been sorting through donated textiles to make sure the company that takes them is only getting things they can use. They decided to change their model and now anything that comes to us in a bag stays in the bag and is not sorted, which will free up some staff time. We have bins for textiles at Worcester, Johnson and Stowe. We get paid 3 cents a pound for textiles.

Susan said Wolcott may be interested in being in the same glass program we are in. They need to see if they can figure out how to collect glass in a separate container. They may also be interested in selling cardboard under the same contract we use. Currently Dana is picking up loads of mixed cardboard from Wolcott. We would be looking to charge Wolcott some tipping fee for their glass and cardboard. We would like them to be able to take advantage of the contracts we have.

We are in the process of renewing Stowe's certification. We have submitted everything we need to submit to the state. Public comment is part of the process. We had to notify all adjacent property owners. One is Rep. Heidi Scheuermann. She has no issues with it.

The Stowe and Lamoille Soil facilities were visited by 3 state representatives related to recertification, the infrastructure grant and compliance. Susan felt confident about the certification aspect. The state was very happy with the equipment purchases we made with the infrastructure grant. Susan told the representative we had some funds we didn't spend the way we anticipated in our application that we would like to re-allocate and she said that should be no problem as long as the expenditures are broadly in the same category as what we applied for.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

The first HHW event of the year will be May 14 at LUHS. We anticipate it to be a fairly good sized event. Joyce said she is seeing a lot of small businesses sign up. We charge small businesses for what they bring. Not many small businesses have been showing up for the last couple years.

Cathy moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair Willie Noyes adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Griffiths, District Clerk

Date

Willie Noyes, Chair

Date