

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
CONDUCTED BY ZOOM

SUPERVISORS

Cathy Mander-Adams	Belvidere	Dana Sweet	Cambridge
Penelope Doherty	Craftsbury	David Whitcomb	Eden
Jane Oliphant	Elmore	Vacant	Hyde Park
Absent	Johnson	Absent	Morristown
Willie Noyes	Stowe	Absent	Waterville
Phillip Wilson	Wolcott	Carl Witke	Worcester

STAFF

Susan Alexander	District Manager	Donna Griffiths	Clerk
James Gonyaw	Facility Manager	Jon Skates	New Facility Manager

Chair Willie Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Dana moved and David seconded to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022. The motion was passed with Penelope abstaining as she was not at that meeting and all others voting in favor.

3. FY 2022 FINANCIALS

a. Approve August 2022 Financial Reports

Susan said our fiscal year starts July 1 so these reports represent just the first 2 months of the year. Our net income is \$15K in the red. But when we were developing the budget for FY23 we were about \$50K shy of balancing the budget and because we have a fairly robust amount of cash in our checking and money market accounts we decided that rather than try to change any of our rates we would carry forward \$53K of our cash on hand in the budget. We have not carried forward any of that \$53K. It is not true income. We will just be moving it from our savings account into our operating account. Our auditors recommended for now not putting it in the financials. Before the end of the year we will put it in our financials. We have done some fairly significant projects already in the first two months of the year. Over the last year or so our MSW and C&D disposal income dropped quite a bit. Right now MSW is only \$1000 less than where we were last year. Recycling income, however, has dropped significantly from last year.

Willie asked if we are including money we get for cardboard bales in recycling income. Susan said yes. Our blue bin recycling income is down \$7K. Income from OCC is \$2800 more than last year because last year at this time we did not have income in that area yet.

Penelope asked what factors Susan thinks led to the \$7K decrease. Susan said almost \$4K of that is now allocated to the line above it. We get OCC income when we sell the cardboard. We also are now taking a percentage of the blue bin income and allocating it to cardboard because we don't charge separately for cardboard. We have been using 19% based on information from the MRF but Susan would like to try to determine whether that is the right number. It seems like it might be a little high.

Dana moved and Jane seconded to approve the August 2022 financial reports. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. Ratification of Check Register

Penelope moved and Jane seconded to ratify the check register. The motion was passed unanimously.

c. Pre-payment Authorizations for Large Checks

The only large check to be authorized is payment to US Ecology for the September 10 Household Hazardous Waste event. Last year the setup fee for an event of over 100 cars was \$6500 for the same event at the same location. This year it was \$14,500. This is why the Solid Waste District Managers' Association has been lobbying for an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill for HHW. Prices for these events are going up and we don't get enough money from the state to cover the cost. We are required to do at least two HHW events a year. This year we did three. An EPR bill passed the house last year but stalled when it got to the senate because they ran out of time. This is the first year we started charging for HHW events. We charged \$10 per car and still got about the same numbers as last year.

David asked if we pay the school to hold our HHW event there. Susan said no. The school has been extremely supportive.

Dana moved to authorize pending payments in the amount of \$29,129.39. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. UPDATES

James said he has been working for LRSWMD since 2004. He started when he was a senior in high school. He thanked the board for employing him for so long. It was enjoyable.

James said there have been a couple of hurdles in buying the scale building but that project is moving along. The Stowe facility is almost fully operating but we are not running the scale because it doesn't have electricity yet. He is hoping Thursday will not be affected.

James said we have collected two bales of mixed paper. He believes the total weight of both bales was 2760. They are scheduled to be hauled next week. Dana asked how much they are worth. James said the last figure he was given was \$80/ton but he heard that the price will be going down. We are close to being able to do a third bale.

James said the bale of cardboard from Johnson took an extreme amount of employee hours to get baled properly. It takes about 4 hours 20 minutes on average to do one bale straight from Stowe

but it took about 16 employee-hours to do the bale from Johnson. He would suggest it is probably not worth it.

Willie read the following resolution:

Whereas, in April 2004, James Gonyaw was hired as the Site Attendant for Craftsbury where he was well liked by the customers in that community who continue to speak fondly of him today.

Whereas, James then staffed the Johnson Transfer Station where he identified and worked to implement improvements in the operations there.

Whereas, over his 18-year tenure, James' creative problem solving and commitment to advancing the mission of the LRSWMD led to promotions from Site Attendant to Facility Foreman to Facility Manager.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the LRSWMD acknowledge James' long term employment and appreciate his contributions to the drop-off facilities and wishes him well in all future endeavors. Further, let this Resolution of Appreciation be duly recorded in the minutes of the LRSWMD on this 11th day of the month of October in the year 2022.

Susan said we will be celebrating 30 years of operation at the Stowe facility. We will put up a big banner and do some appreciation for the employees there as well as the community.

Susan said we heard back from the state on our Solid Waste Implementation Plan. They wanted clarification on a few things and we are close to being able to resubmit it. We are required by the state to have a SWIP and it is necessary in order to get our SWIP grant.

Dana moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair Willie Noyes adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Griffiths, District Clerk

Date

Willie Noyes, Chair

Date