

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022
TEGU BUILDING, MORRISVILLE, VT

SUPERVISORS

Absent	Belvidere	Dana Sweet	Cambridge
Absent	Craftsbury	David Whitcomb	Eden
Jane Oliphant	Elmore	Marilyn Zophar	Hyde Park
Absent	Johnson	Charles Cooley	Morristown
Willie Noyes	Stowe	Lucas Tilton	Waterville
Phillip Wilson	Wolcott	Absent	Worcester

STAFF

Susan Alexander	District Manager	Donna Griffiths	Clerk
James Gonyaw	Facilities Foreman		

Chair Willie Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2022

Jane moved and David seconded to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022. The motion was passed with Dana abstaining as he was not at that meeting and all others voting in favor.

3. FY 2022 FINANCIALS

a. *Approve June 2022 Financial Reports*

Susan said considering where we thought we would end up, we ended the year in a good spot. Income is down for MSW disposal fees, recycling fees and surcharge. But hauling and processing costs have also gone down, mostly because we are diverting cardboard and glass. Other than scrap metal, income from all specials is down. For next year we might want to adjust fees for some items where the cost is currently greater than income. June 30 was the end of our fiscal year. Our auditors will be here tomorrow.

Willie asked how often we ship a box of glass out of Stowe. James said not often, but when we ship one it is usually around 10 tons. He thinks we ship a box 4 or 5 times a year. Willie said we probably ship about 5 tons a month then. That is substantial. He asked how many loads of cardboard we have shipped. James said he thinks tomorrow is a year to date from when we started baling cardboard. We have enough for a fifth load now. It is set up to go out on Tuesday. Susan said she thinks the price for the next pickup is \$145/ton. Willie said that pretty much pays for the labor to do the baling. What do we charge for people to drop off cardboard? Susan said we figured out that old

corrugated cardboard (OCC) represents about 17-18% of all blue bin recycling. We charge \$1 for a blue bin no matter what is in it, so we can take 17-18% of the recycling fee total to get an estimate of what people are paying to drop off cardboard. She would guess that is a little more than the cost of labor for baling. We have gotten more efficient with baling. On-site crew are able to do some of the baling when there is a lull in other work.

Lucas asked if we have any idea what the price per ton would be if we included non-corrugated cardboard. James said he is planning on starting to separate out mixed paper. The price for that is \$80/ton. The per-ton price for newsprint is more, but the tonnage of mixed paper would be a lot higher. Softcover books can be included as well. Last week he met with Susan and Sarah to talk about baling mixed paper. We will start that within a week.

Lucas asked, if we baled boxboard would we bale it with corrugated cardboard? James said he doesn't know what the price drop would be if we did that. Dana asked, boxboard doesn't have much value, does it? James said he doesn't think it does. They don't even want it in mixed paper.

Susan said starting July 1 we will allocate a percentage of our recycling tipping fees to the Stowe Electric Department building budget as income for OCC. That will be about \$25K. When we sell the OCC, that is our second source of OCC income.

The entire electric bill for the Stowe Electric building was \$1883 for the fiscal year ending June 30. The baler doesn't run very often so the electricity cost for baling is not high.

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

b. Ratification of Check Register

Lucas moved and David seconded to ratify the check register. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. UPDATES

Susan said on August 20 three employees are going to a family reunion so the Craftsbury and Morrisville sites will be closed.

James said we now have a pad for the screener. That should help it stay in position better. Employees say the new compost recipe we are using is easier for them.

James said there was recently a fire in the trash hopper at Stowe. He feels employees handled it perfectly. Willie said he was there and everyone did a great job. Susan said it started in the truck where trash was being compacted. Employees unlatched and moved the trailer and called 911. Our employees' first response was appropriate and not overly heroic. Two employees had worked on fire departments in the past. We tried to investigate the causes of the fire. We have a

video camera above the hopper but it was difficult to know which thing was the source of the fire. Lithium batteries are becoming more of a fire hazard in our waste stream. They can be hidden in stuffed animals or toys and the grinding and pushing that happens during compaction can lead to them causing a fire. We will be following up with an article in our newsletter about fire hazards in trash and encouraging people to think about things like lithium batteries. We have a recycling program for them.

Susan said the next Household Hazardous Waste event is August 20. Notices were sent out to all households in the district about the 2 remaining HHW events. We will be instituting a fee starting with the next one because of the huge increase in setup fees. A lot of other districts charge a fee.

Sarah has submitted our SWIP report to the state. Susan expects we will hear back from the state soon whether they approved it.

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

Chair Willie Noyes adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Griffiths, District Clerk

Date

Willie Noyes, Chair

Date