

Unapproved Minutes
Joint Powers Solid Waste Advisory Board
Thursday, January 10, 2019
5:30 p.m. - Vermillion City Hall

The meeting of the Joint Powers Solid Waste Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Vermillion City Hall by Chairman Gross.

I. Roll Call

Present: Terry Taggart (arrived 5:33 p.m.), Clay County Citizen; Lindsey Jennewein, Vermillion City Citizen; John Prescott, Vermillion City Manager; Joe Healy, Yankton County Commissioner; Amy Leon, Yankton City Manager; Charlie Gross, Yankton City Commissioner; Howard Willson, Vermillion City Councilman; Tom Nelson, Yankton County Citizen

Absent: Phyllis Packard, Clay County Commissioner; Denise Cody, Yankton City Citizen

II. Adoption of the Agenda

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Howard Willson moved approval of the agenda. Amy Leon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0. Chairman Gross declared the motion adopted.

III. Minutes

A. Minutes of September 20, 2018

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John Prescott moved approval of the September 20, 2018 minutes. Amy Leon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0. Chairman Hoffner declared the motion adopted.

Terry Taggart arrived at 5:33 p.m.

IV. Finance Report

Mike Carlson, Vermillion Finance Officer, reported on the eleven month operations ending November 30, 2018. Mike noted that landfill operating income for this period of 2018 was \$321,236

compared to \$186,997 for the same period in 2017 while the recycling operating loss was \$256,421 compared to a loss of \$115,295 for the same period in 2017. Mike noted that the \$3 per ton transfer was not included in the 2018 operations which amounted to \$109,234 for 2017. Mike noted that the recycling expenses include the household hazardous waste collection costs which were \$41,881 in 2018 compared to \$35,251 in 2017. Mike stated that \$2,920 was collected as gate fees for the household hazardous waste collection and that Clay County has contributed \$9,000 which was received in December 2018. Mike noted that the landfill tonnage is up \$1,285 tons over 2017 and the recycling tonnage is up 143 tons over 2017. Discussion followed on the operating statements.

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Howard Willson moved approval of the finance report for the eleven months ended November 30, 2018. John Prescott seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 to 0. Chairman Gross declared the motion adopted.

V. Visitors to be heard - None

VI. Old Business

A. Tire Collection Grant

Mike Carlson, Vermillion Finance Officer, reported that the SDDENR has made contact to the Joint Powers about a tire collection grant. Mike noted that, unlike the 2010 and 2016 grant programs that provided 100% funding, this grant will cover 80% of the disposal costs and the Joint Powers would need to fund the 20% match. Mike stated that the DENR reported that the disposal costs they are seeing with other grants are about \$220 per ton and DENR estimated a total project of \$75,000 of which the grant would be \$60,000 and local share would be \$15,000. Mike noted that, in the past with the grant funding 100%, tires were accepted for free but with the grant only funding 80% an option to fund the matching portion would be to reduce the tire fees at the landfill and transfer station but not to zero. Discussion followed noting that the grant should be applied for to the state with the charge for tires being reduced until the estimated grant quantity of tires is collected.

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John Prescott moved that the Joint Powers Board recommend to the

respective cities the application for a DENR tire collection grant and that the tire rates be reduced to \$1 for car tires, \$3 for truck tires (17'-22.5"), \$5 for truck tires >22.5", \$8 for construction equipment and \$95 per ton for bulk tires. Amy Leon seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried 8 to 0. Chairman Gross declared the motion adopted.

B. Rates: Transfer Station/Landfill

Amy Leon reported that staff has discussed adjusting the solid waste rates but also are aware of what the surrounding rates are so that we do not cause waste to leave the system. It was reported that the current rates at the Yankton transfer station are \$50.50 per ton for licensed haulers and \$56.00 per ton for non-licensed haulers and at the landfill licensed haulers rate is \$47.00 per ton and non-licensed haulers rate is \$53.50 per ton. Tim Taggart stated that at Mitchell the rate is currently \$40 for region waste, but the rate is higher for waste out of their region, at Lake Andes it is \$58 per ton and at Jackson Nebraska the rate is \$37 per ton.

John Prescott reported that last year the Joint Powers Board received the cost of service study report that stated the cost to process of ton of solid waste at the transfer station was \$36 which included \$9.63 per ton for transportation and the landfill cost per ton was \$34. John stated that last year when the rates were adjusted the rate at the transfer station was increased more than at the landfill in an attempt to financially encourage haulers to come to the landfill. John noted that at that time it was noted that this change would be made incrementally until the rates reflected the cost to the Joint Powers of hauling from Yankton to Vermillion. John reported that at last meeting there was discussion on if the Joint Powers agreement addressed difference in rates and that was reviewed since last meeting.

Discussion followed on the rates noting that when the Joint Powers was formed the rates were calculated to be the same as to run a landfill additional tonnage as needed to keep the rates reasonable. Discussion followed on the rates, capital costs for operating the transfer station and landfill, difference in rates between cities and the need for annual smaller rate increased vs. waiting a few years for a large increase.

Chairman Gross requested that City staff develop a rate proposal

for consideration at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Future Meeting Date

Chairman Gross asked members about possible dates for the next meeting. Discussion followed with the consensus that the meeting be on Tuesday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Yankton.

VIII. End Notes

A. Solid Waste Director's Report

Tim Taggart, Solid Waste Director, reported that at the landfill they are catching up from being closed for the holidays. Tim also reported that a used caterpillar scrapper was purchased for moving dirt at the landfill. Tim stated that it was a 1985 model purchased from a contractor in North Dakota and has been working fine.

B. Yankton City Manager's Report

Amy Leon stated that she had nothing to report.

C. Vermillion City Manager's Report

John Prescott stated that he had nothing to report.

IX. Adjourn

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Amy Leon moved to adjourn the Joint Powers Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting at 6:32 p.m. John Prescott seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 to 0. Chairman Gross declared the motion adopted.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2019.

Charlie Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael D. Carlson,
Finance Officer - Vermillion

