

Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Meeting

Valley County Community Room

December 19, 2023

Call to Order: Board Chairman Paul Tweten called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Board members present included Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren and Mary Armstrong.

Also in attendance was Refuse District Manager Brian Austin.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: John moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Mary seconded; motion passed unanimously.

T&R Report: There was no T&R report.

Finance Report, tonnages from container sites, out-of-County Contracts; other tonnage across scale:
(thru November 2023)

Brian provided the Board with finance, container tonnage, and materials by category across the scales.

Capital Improvement fund: \$400,000.

Unrestricted cash: \$655,991.35

Expenses YTD: \$380,788.14

Revenues YTD: \$866,788.35

Brian pointed out the higher revenues due to road asphalt debris that went across the scale for \$44,806.63 from a road construction project. Total revenue for material across the scale was \$67,400 for November.

Manager's report: Brian reported that equipment is working okay. The new water tank is being installed. He advised that the 2016 Ford F250 needs a new transmission. HiLine Ford estimates the new

transmission will cost about \$7400. John moved to approve the transmission replacement; Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessment update: Brian presented detailed assessment reports from FY20 thru FY23. The Board thanked Brian and Darcia for their efforts to assemble them. The Board discussed the reports and asked for further reconciliation on the Milk River assessments to assure that they are correct.

Discussion on proposed CIP and Rate Study: The Board discussed the proposed CIP and Rate Study. The grant applications have not been processed through the Department of Commerce. Paul called MACO to find out if they had any information on the schedule for grant awards but has not heard anything back yet.

Consider going out for bids on approximately 65 acres of Refuse District Farmland:

Mary moved to go out to bid for a 5-year lease on the approximately 65 acres of District farmland; John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board asked Brian to contact FSA to determine the tillable acres and the FSA farm number, and then advertise the lease bid in the paper.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Chairman Tweten adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting will be January 16, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Tweten", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Tweten, Refuse Board Chairman