

Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Board Meeting Minutes
Warrick County Commissioner Meeting Room
101 North Main Street, Boonville, IN 47601
Thursday, August 20, 2020

Call to Order

The Warrick County Solid Waste Management District meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Terry Phillippe.

Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following voting members present: President Terry Phillippe, Vice President Bob Johnson, Dan Saylor, Charlie Wyatt, Greg Richmond, and Jim Miller. Also present were: Attorney Adam Long, Reagan Fuquay, Freddie Roland, Michele Wallace, and Kristine Georges. Not present was Ron Whitledge.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Discussion

Overhead Door Damage – There was damage done to one of the overhead doors. The bollards have not been installed as there were some issues with having it done. They will have Joe Grassman and Freddie Roland work on getting quotes to get the bollards installed.

Minutes

The minutes from July 16, 2020 and July 30, 2020 were presented. Greg Richmond made the motion to table since he had not had the time to go over them. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 6-0.

Controller's Report

The District ended the month of July with a balance of two million one hundred seventeen thousand three hundred four dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$2,117,304.27). The radios came in more than was stated in the minutes. Attorney Long said the Board could approve subject to his review and that the extra payment could be added to the items such as utilities to pay early. Charlie Wyatt made the motion to approve pending review. Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Claims

Claims were presented in the amount of one hundred ninety-six thousand four hundred three dollars and sixty-six cents (\$196,403.66). Jim Miller made the motion to pay the claims. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Operations Foreman's Report

- A. Mulching – The mulching was started that morning. There was an issue with the mulch being too large. The mulching company said that it was a process to get it to the smaller pieces but would take more work. They did offer to grind to the smaller pieces if the district paid for the fuel. Dan Saylor will continue to work with them. Terry Phillippe will also plan on going after the meeting to check on the progress and address some of the issues.
- B. Roll-Off Truck – All the bids were reviewed from the last meeting. Michele Wallace would like for the District to go with the 2021 Kenworth at \$159,972.00. They have had issues in the past with the MAC Trucks. The Freightliner was the cheaper bid but the bid specs did not meet some of the areas as they requested. Parts for the Kenworth can also be ordered locally. Joe Grassman stated that the bid can be awarded on the basis of being the most advantageous to the District and not necessarily the cheapest. Payment would be a partial lump sum then payments out of the Motorized Equipment line item. Reagan Fuquay suggested a down payment of \$90,000.00, plus a trade in, and the rest in payments. There was however concern on such a large down-payment and using all the money out of that line item. Attorney Long suggested that the Kenworth be approved with a maximum stated amount down, a maximum percentage, and maximum years for it to proceed. The bid award went to Palmer Trucks with the 2021 Kenworth truck.
- Motion was made by Dan Saylor to accept the bid. Second by Bob Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.
 - A motion for the terms of the payment not to exceed a down payment of \$75,000.00, 4% maximum percentage rate, and no longer than 7 years for the financing was made by Dan Saylor. The motion was seconded by Greg Richmond. Motion carried 6-0.

Processing Center Foreman's Report

- A. Personnel Issues – Mr. Roland addressed the Board on some of the Personnel issues they were having. It takes 11 people to run everything, but they are running with 9 and 10 people. The agencies are having issues with finding people. They are up to 13 and have 2 more projected to start and this is as long as they stay.
- B. Center Update – Markets are bad right now. Mr. Roland sold everything in May when prices were up. Currently over 1.5 million pounds have shipped out since the start of the Center. That has kept a lot of materials out of the landfills.

Attorney's Report**Renewable Resources Services Agreement Discussion**

- Jordan Aigner, Jerry Aigner, and Attorney Chris Wischer were present for the discussion.
- Attorney Long presented some of the issues currently with the contract between both parties. He had worked with Michele on addressing her concerns. He also worked with Mr. Roland and Mr. Wischer on contamination.
- Mr. Roland stated to him that while contamination is an issue, there are individuals involved and there won't be 100% recycled. All they can do is the best they can do.

- Greg Richmond asked about automation. Mr. Roland has done a webinar but has not sent it out. If they want to look at it they can. But, right now, there is a high cost to do it and they don't have the space. However, it would alleviate some of the personnel issues. A machine doesn't get sick.
- Jordan Aigner stated that they would like to get this done and appreciate the patience on getting it done. We are at the end of any previous agreements as far as bringing recyclables. As it stands now, if nothing is done then there's no obligation to continue bringing recyclables to the District. But, that's not what they want to happen. He also realizes that contamination is an issue and that loads are turned away occasionally and they have to pay for that. If contamination is the issue, they will take the contamination loads at no fee. The County would have zero number in it. They will take that responsibility. Nothing is perfect, but it should be strived for. There will be clean loads. There will be dirty loads. It is the nature of this business.
- Section 10 was the current sticking point. It stated that if there is more than 30% contamination for over 3 months the contract would be terminated. Jordan Aigner felt he could not agree to this point. He is already taking all the contamination at no cost. But, for him is a hard no on this section in its entirety. He's paying for all of it.
- Many of the Board members felt that this has been the issue with the contamination and needed to be hashed out. Mr. Phillippe stated that the baseline was generally considered around 25% for contamination. Then there's something else may be less harsh than the termination of a contract. Maybe a penalty or fee. But, he wanted to make clear that they want to find some middle ground here.
- Attorney Long stated that while the Board understands what Mr. Aigner is taking on, their concern with higher contamination is with personnel and the sorting and the higher costs associated with that. Bills being sent every month are to be avoided. This was discussed at length.
- Jordan Aigner stated that his biggest issue with that section was that he is being asked to commit to something that he has zero control over. He doesn't sort it. If they hit those points and the agreement is terminated, the loads end up in the landfill. He can influence contamination but he can't control it.
- Dan Saylor agrees that it can be influenced. But, he feels like there has to be some kind of incentive to help influence better contamination numbers in this contract. Both gentlemen discussed situations such as numbers going higher to trigger education to customers and the public on proper disposal, etcetera, to help influence numbers back down.
- Mr. Phillippe felt if we could find a mutually agreeable numbers and a possible 3 to 4 person committee to address some of the education issues and other matters, we will have an agreement.
- Jerry Aigner addressed the Board on some basic history on the start up of his company and everything involved and felt all parties should be doing this together. He needs an agreement and has needed one for five years. They can't control contamination. Mr. Roland has been great to work with. It started out with advertising and education. Now no one is advertising.

He is not making any money. They have to have a contract or they are going to have to shut the company down.

- Mr. Johnson felt that everyone has been working together well to put an agreement together.
- Charlie Wyatt asked about the work involved with the contamination. Mr. Roland explained that it slows it down in the sorting process.
- Jordan Aigner liked the idea of the triggers on contamination and education and a committee getting together; however, being cautious on how much manpower is spent on all the processes. But for it to definitely be a focus.
- Dan Saylor stated that he understands the issues their company is going through and the District wants an agreement. This is a good thing for the community.
- Mr. Phillippe wanted to discuss the thresholds. Jordan Aigner is okay with the 30% and the 3 months, but not with the termination of contract. Mr. Phillippe suggested a 25%-35% range with over 35% being a trigger point and a reward for under the 25%. A committee formed for education and such matters when the trigger point is hit.
- Jordan Aigner had issues with any penalties and said the District doesn't need to be paying rewards. He would rather take the penalty as education to be determined at the committee level. Mr. Roland could be the fail-safe. He can turn the trucks away. Dan Saylor was in agreement with the education aspect and that it would be brought before the committee where they could work together on education for both customers and the general public. Mr. Saylor felt that this needed to be looked at as more of a long term situation and not a snap shot for just today.
- Mr. Phillippe asked about the current time line for this project. Jordan stated that they are ready to build but the builders are needing community buy in and since they don't have a contract or a building laying on the ground.
- Jim Miller asked if we could move forward. Most were in agreement with Mr. Saylor's and Mr. Aigner's statements on contamination rates, triggers, education, and working in committee. Jim Miller made a motion to approve the agreement pending legal review and rewrite on Section 10 as mutually agreed upon and discussed. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

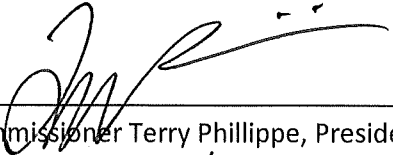
Any Other Business that Properly Comes Before the Board

There was no other business to come before the Board.

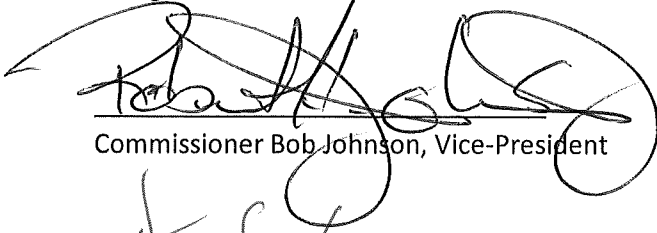
Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 12:00 PM in the Commissioner Meeting Room. Bob Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

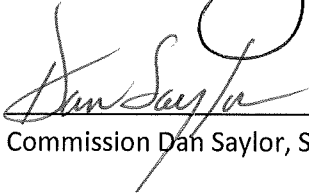
Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges



Commissioner Terry Phillippe, President



Commissioner Bob Johnson, Vice-President



Commission Dan Saylor, Secretary


Chandler Town Councilman Ron Whitledge

Boonville Mayor Charlie Wyatt

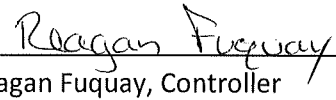


County Councilman Greg Richmond

ATTEST:



Boonville City Councilman Jim Miller



Reagan Fuquay, Controller