



Lea County Solid Waste Authority Meeting Summary

Meeting date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Lea County Annex
1019 E. Bender Blvd., Hobbs, NM 88240

The Lea County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) held a regular meeting at the Lea County Annex on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Members present were Michele Woods, Tim Woomer, Larron Fields, Todd Randall, Howard Roberts, Carl Tennison, Dean Jackson and Corey Needham.

Also present were Lea County Environmental Services Director Lorenzo Velasquez, Matt Kingsley with Parkhill, Derron Warren with Waste Connections/R360 and Paige Ellis with the Lea County Finance Department.

The minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

The Board approved the landfill income report as presented by Ellis.

Velasquez presented the proposed 2023/2024 operating budget. Total salaries and benefits increased by 3.5% for a proposed total of \$165,252. There were no proposed increases in operations or in capital expenses, for an overall proposed increase of .1%. The Board unanimously approved the proposed budget of \$6,686,637.

Warren, the new representative for Waste Connections/R360, stated that landfill operations continue to run the same as before. The landfill is a few weeks away from starting the fluff layer on Cell 6. R360 is looking to hire a full-time manager for the landfill.

Kingsley stated that Cell 6 construction is going well despite a few curve balls such as water pooling in the cell (which has been addressed) and supply chain challenges. Leachate management equipment has been ordered and will be installed.

Kingsley and Velasquez updated the board on potential landfill site improvements. Proposed improvements include redesigning the road, relocating the scale house, moving the water line and setting up a location to empty roll off containers into so small haulers won't have to enter the landfill face.

The next meeting was set for June 21, 2023, at 11:00A.M. at the Lea County Annex in Hobbs.

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