



Lea County Solid Waste Authority Regular Meeting

Thursday March 17, 2022 11:00 A.M.

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

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MINUTES

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Meeting called to order by Chair Todd Randall at 11:03am. Members present Michele Woods, Tim Woomer, Todd Randall, Vidal Martinez, Dean Jackson, and Corey Needham. Members not present Bernard Butcher and Marilyn Burns. Also present Israel Galindo-WC, Chip Low-Lea County Finance, Anthony Dobbs-Lea County Finance, Matt Kingsley-Parkhill, Lorenzo Velasquez-Director of Environmental, and Elisa Millan-Lea County Administrative Coordinator.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- b. Consideration of Approval of the *December 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes*.
 - Mr. Needham motioned to approve the December 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Woomer and carried unanimously.
- c. Consideration of Approval of the *Landfill Financial Report*.
 - Mr. Low presented the Landfill Financial Report to the board. Total Operating Cash \$13,675,959.82, Post Closure Reserves \$2,623,227.85 fully funded, Total Cash on Hand \$16,299,388.40. Current Month Charges \$259,546.35 and Accounts Receivable February 28, 2021 \$304,986.03. Postive Net Income YTD is \$1,197,273.26. Mr. Woomer motioned to approve the Landfill Financial Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Needham and carried unanimously
- d. Consideration of Approval of the *Proposed 2022/2023 Financial Budget*.
 - The board decided to set this as a discussion item as further review must be made prior to approving the budget. This will be an approval item for the next LCSWA meeting.
- e. Consideration of Approval of the *Waste Management Lease Agreement*.
 - The board decided to continue with the Waste Management Lease Agreement as is no changes to the current lease agreement. Mr. Woomer motioned to approve the Waste Management Lease Agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Needham and carried unanimously

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

a. Discussion of the Proposed 2022/2023 Financial Budget.

- Mr. Velasquez presented the board with a budget report as of March 11, 2022 to give the board an idea where the Authority stood on all of their budget line items and discuss if there were any they would like to show an changes on. Mr. Velasquez did add the estimated budget for the construction of Cell 6. The board reviewed the budget and did not see any changes that needed to be changed at the time and Mr. Low stated they could bring the actual proposed budget to the next meeting for approval since it would need to be approved in April as Finance needs to have all budgets completed and ready for approval in May.

b. Discussion of the Draft Plans for Cell 6 Design.

- Mr. Kingsley presented the board with a presentation on the construction of Cell 6. The plans are ready to be reviewed and once the board approves to send the plans up to the State for their approval the construction of the next cell can continue. Once this process is approved approximately 3 month is the amount of time it would take to finish this project. There will be some rock excavation as they have ran into this issue with the construction of previous cells. He did estimate a 60/40 for regular excavation and rock excavation, but it may change yet they wouldn't know for sure until excavation begins. The board had also spoken in previous meetings about road improvement, water system improvements, and road access acquisition. Mr. Kingsley stated he thought it would be in the best interest of the board to go ahead and combine the roadway with Cell 6 in order to apply it all to one bid. He did recommend the board to go with an asphalt 12in thick road that is highway grade as they could continue off concrete slab that is at the entrance and follow through it would become a very expensive project since concrete prices are currently extremely expensive. The board also asked if the relocation of the scale house should be done at this time as well to the new location as plumbing and electric would need to be ran and it would be best to do it as well with the construction of the new extended roadway. The board agreed with the new changes to the plans.

c. Landfill Update

- Mr. Galindo presented the Landfill update to the board. The price of safety vests that are distributed to the public, if they do not have one to enter the facility, has increased in price from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The Leachate is releasing 300 gallons per month and the methane release has also decreased and is at 0. They have had a problem with the amount of litter on the fence line due to the high winds, but they try to go out and clean up as much as possible. They did have a water leak in the pipeline which they are getting fixed. They are currently operating out of Cell 2. They want to get rid of the ramp, but they will need Cell 6 to be constructed before they can do so. The beginning of the year there was a decrease in tonnage. January they had 3.2 tons per day, February had 3.7 tons per day, and March 340 tons per day as of now and the month still hasn't ended. The tire container is ½ full and the poly pipe container is getting picked up every month. They currently have 2 pieces of equipment down a loader and a dozer, but are working the other loader

and dozer that are available on site while those are getting repairs. The landfill did not have a 2021 visit from the State so they are expecting to receive one this year sometime. Due to time change the hours at the Landfill are now Monday-Saturday 7:30am-5:30pm. The usual hours are Monday-Saturday 7:30am-4:30pm during the winter.

ITEM 04: COMMENTS

a. Public Comments

- There were no comments from the public.

b. Comments from the Committee Members.

- Mr. Low stated that the current auditor will stay as is for another 3-4 years.
- Chair Randall did let the board know that the contract with Camino Real will be expiring in June of 2023 and they will need to either renew or go out for RFP. This will be an item that will need to be on the agenda for approval in either Fall or Early 2023.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

f. Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s).

- April 21, 2022 11:00am, Lea County Annex Building Conference Room, 1019 E. Bender Blvd., Hobbs, NM

ITEM 06: ADJOURN

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