

Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – March 14th, 2023

Present: Brad Jackson, Cary Groninger, Bob Conley, Jerry Frush, Dave Wolkins, Scott Reust, Tom Ganser, Leslie Williams, Rhonda Helser, Liz Shepherd – InkFree News

Absent: Joe Thallemer, Rick Swaim

- Call to Order:
 - Brad Jackson called the meeting to order.
- February 2023 Board Minutes
 - Brad Jackson asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the February 2023 Board Meeting. Bob Conley made a motion to approve as presented. Jerry Frush seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Claims and Financial Report
 - Rhonda Helser presented the claims in the amount of \$20,717.82. The ending checking account balance is \$73,606.06, in addition to the 1.3-million-dollar investment. Cary Groninger made a motion to approve the financial report. Jerry Frush seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- New Business
 - Waste Management (WM) Recycling
 - Tom Ganser stated that at the Waste Management Transfer Station, a recycling drop-off area has just opened. Tom added that they are accepting glass, plastic #s 1 – 7, cans, cardboard, paper.
 - Cottage Watchman Quote
 - Tom Ganser Stated that our current security and camera system is starting to have issues. Tom added that our current system is outdated and will need to be replaced. Tom stated that he has included a quote from Cottage Watchman in the Meeting pack – the quote is for roughly \$2,000. Tom added that the new system is much more precise and beneficial. Tom asked that the Board approve this upgrade expense. Cary Groninger asked if the existing cameras would still be used. Tom answered by stating that the current cameras would still be used, the only thing changing is the system. Cary Groninger made a motion to approve the Cottage Watchman updated security system expense.

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Jerry Frush seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

- Syracuse Site
 - Tom Ganser stated that there has been an appraisal done on the Syracuse site that is owned by the Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District – it is included in the meeting pack. Tom added that the appraiser did not have much to compare the land to, other than one (\$49,000). Tom stated the evaluation for the property came out to roughly \$55,000. Tom asked the Board what they would like to do with the property. Cary Groninger asked what the proper protocol for selling the land would be. Scott Reust stated that they can place a public bid on the property. Discussion briefly continued on the matter. Cary Groninger made a motion to create a “bid-by” date, make an advertisement of the property that includes the appraisal amount and an “as is, where is” clause, and then sell the property. Bob Conley made seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Reports
 - Tom Ganser stated the Director and Educator Reports were included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions regarding these reports. There were no questions or comments. Tom added that Home and Outdoor Show is coming up and KCSWMD will have a booth set up there.
- Comments and Questions
 - Citizen Action Committee
 - Tom Ganser stated that if any Board members know of anyone looking to join the Citizen Action Committee, they are invited to join. Tom added that the CAC was an integral part of the start of the District and would like to get the Committee started again. Tom stated the CAC members could be utilized in several different ways, but their main purpose would be to help with budget and other major decisions.
 - GFL Meeting
 - Tom Ganser stated that he and Scott recently met with GFL representatives regarding the contract. Tom added that the

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meeting went well, and he was able to voice his concerns about the contract to the representatives. Discussion briefly continued on the matter.

- Adjournment
 - Bob Conley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cary Groninger seconded the motion, with the board approving.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 11am.