

Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – August 15th, 2023

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

Absent: Joe Thallemer, Bob Conley, Rick Swaim, Scott Ruest

- Call to Order:
 - Brad Jackson called the meeting to order.
- July 2023 Board Minutes
 - Brad Jackson asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the June 2023 Board Meeting. Jerry Frush made a motion to approve as presented. Bob Conley seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Claims and Financial Report
 - Rhonda Helser presented the claims in the amount of \$20491.68. The ending checking account balance is \$171,519.52, in addition to the 1.3-million-dollar investment.
Brad Jackson asked if there were any questions about the account. Cary Groninger asked what the interest rate for the checking account currently is. Rhonda Helser answered by stating that she is not sure and would have to call – it will depend on the type of bank account that it is. Brad Jackson mentioned there may be a different type of account that may earn more interest. Rhonda stated she would call to change the account type to earn more interest if possible.
Brad Jackson asked if there were any further questions or comments on the matter. There were none. Bob Conley made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Dave Wolkins seconded the motion, with the Board approving unanimously.
- New Business
 - Cash Flow trend for 2023
 - Tom Ganser stated that the cash flow trend for 2023 was included in the meeting pack. Tom added that Cary Groninger had asked that he keep an eye on the cash flow. Tom stated that in December of 2022, the checking account balance was around \$87,000. At the end of June 2023, the checking account balance was around \$150,000. Tom added that he is still waiting on some bigger invoices to be withdrawn from the account balance. Tom stated that he put some suggestions in the pack

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for lowering prices on some of the drop-off items that are accepted in the warehouse.

- **Electronics:** Tom stated that he recommends dropping electronic pricing from \$0.17 to \$0.10 (per pound), and that we currently pay \$0.24 per pound for electronics recycling, plus \$300 trailer rental and \$375 transportation fee. Brad Jackson asked if the price per pound factors in the trailer rental and the transportation fee. Tom answered by stating that the current price that the District charges is strictly based on the price per pound, nothing else added. Tom stated that there would be about \$13,000 of extra costs for the District if the price per pound for residents is reduced to \$0.10.
- **Latex-Based Paint:** Tom stated that he recommends getting rid of the charge for latex-based paint due to being able to get most of it recycled through the Reuse Room. Tom added that he estimates less than half of the paint that the District receives is sent or paid to be recycled, the other is picked up by residents through the Reuse Room.
- **Household Chemicals:** Tom stated that he recommends decreasing the price per pound from \$1.90 to \$1.00 for residents.

Cary Groninger asked what the most important thing to keep out of the landfill is. Tom Ganser answered by stating that everything that we accept is important to keep from the landfill, but the chemicals could be considered as most important. Discussion briefly continued on the matter. Cary Groninger made a motion to decrease the prices on electronics, latex-based paint, and household chemicals. Bob Conley seconded the motion, with the Board approving unanimously.

- **Wawasee Schools and Syracuse Site**
 - Tom Ganser thanked Scott Ruest for his help in getting further on the sale of the Syracuse Site. Tom added that he is hoping to have the site sold or closed out by next month's meeting.

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- 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.
- Comments and Questions
 - There were none.
- 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, September 12th, 2023, at 11am.