

Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – April 23rd, 2024

Present: Brad Jackson, Bob Conley, Cary Groninger, Dave Wolkins, Jerry Frush, Ashley McGinnis, Rhonda Helser, Scott Ruest, Tom Ganser, Liz Shepherd – InkFree News, Mike Lewis

Absent: Jeff Grose, Leslie Williams

- Call to Order:
 - Brad Jackson called the meeting to order.
- March 2024 Board Minutes
 - Brad Jackson asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the March 2024 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 \$21,525.22. The ending checking account balance is \$222,828.17, in addition to the 1.4-million-dollar investment.
 - Brad Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports. There were none. Cary Groninger made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Bob Conley seconded the motion with the Board approving.
- New Business
 - May Board Meeting
 - Tom Ganser stated the next meeting would be Monday, May 6th, due to Election Day. Tom Ganser asked if the Board would like to change that to May 21st or keep it on May 6th. Members stated that keeping it on May 6th would be fine.
 - Warehouse Door Replacement
 - Tom Ganser stated that the south end door to the warehouse needs to be replaced. He added that it would be a budget item for 2025. Tom asked for names of local places to do the work. A few mentioned were Whitko, Robinson, and Timmons. Discussion briefly continued on the matter.
- Old Business
 - Amnesty Period

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- Tom Ganser stated that there has been a great response to the Amnesty Period. He mentioned there has been a lot of paint and electronics coming in.
- Reports
 - Tom Ganser stated that the Director and Educator Reports were included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions regarding the reports. There were no questions or comments.
 - Tom mentioned that there is the SWANA Golf Outing on June 7th, 2024 in Indianapolis.
 - Tom also mentioned that the EPA has labeled PFAs as hazardous substances; however, they are not going after landfills or fire departments for change.
- Comments and Questions
 - Cary Groninger asked if there have been any challenges with the Amnesty Period. Tom stated that he or Leslie may go to the back to help sort at time, but it is going well overall. There are lots of materials be diverted from the landfill.
 - Cary Groninger asked how the online Hazwoper training was going. Tom mentioned that it was going well; however, it is not as good as the in person training, but a great option as most in person options are no longer available.
 - Bob Conley asked if there were any ads going out about the Amnesty period. Tom mentioned that there will be some going out on the radio soon.
- Adjournment
 - Bob Conley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Frush seconded the motion, with the board approving.

The next board meeting will be Monday, May 6th, 2024, at 11am.