

Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – December 19th, 2023

Present: Brad Jackson, Bob Conley, Joe Thallemer, Cary Groninger, Dave Wolkins, Ashley McGinnis, Scott Ruest, Rhonda Helser, Tom Ganser, Leslie Williams, Liz Shepherd – InkFree News

Absent: Jerry Frush

- Call to Order:
 - Brad Jackson called the meeting to order.
- November 2023 Board Minutes
 - Brad Jackson asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the November 2023 Board Meeting. Bob Conley made a motion to approve as presented. Cary Groninger seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Claims and Financial Report
 - Rhonda Helser presented the claims in the amount of \$28,712.53. The ending checking account balance is \$221,018.18, in addition to the 1.3-million-dollar investment.
Brad Jackson asked if there were any questions in regard to financials. There were none. Bob Conley made a motion to approve the financials. Cary Groninger seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
- New Business
 - Board Elections for 2024
 - Tom Ganser stated that 2024 nominations will be made for the President and Vice President of the Solid Waste District Board of Directors. Cary Groninger made a motion to continue with the current Board Officers – Brad Jackson as Board President and Bob Conley as Board Vice President. Joe Thallemer seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
 - Service Time Change
 - Tom Ganser stated that he and Leslie Williams have been tracking the amount of patrons that use the District's services on Thursday's after 4pm. The District (KC Recycling Depot) is currently open 10am to 6pm each Thursday. Tom added that within the last 6 months, the Depot has seen roughly 10 patrons after 4pm. Tom mentioned that opening up different hours may

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better serve the community. The hours Tom suggested are as follows: Monday – Thursday, 7:45am – 4pm; Friday, 6am – 10am, and Select Saturdays, 8am – 12pm. Tom states he is open to discuss this idea.

Brad Jackson stated that it may be more feasible to have the hours of 7am – 11am on Fridays, instead of 6am – 10am.

Bob Conley made a motion to approve the new hours of operation as follows: Monday – Thursday, 7:45am – 4pm; Friday, 7am – 11am; and Select Saturdays, 8am – 12pm.

Employees will work these hours as follows: Monday – Thursday, 7:30am – 4:15pm; Friday, 6:30am – 11:15am; and Select Saturdays, 7:30am – 12:15pm. Dave Wolkins seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.

- Old Business
 - Syracuse Property Sale
 - Tom Ganser stated that the Wawasee School Corporation discussed the sale of the Syracuse property in their recent Board Meeting. Tom then mentioned that Scott Ruest got some sales documents together for him and that the sale should be final by next month.
- Reports
 - Tom Ganser stated that the Director and Educator Report was included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions regarding the report. There were no questions or comments.
- Comments and Questions
 - Cary Groninger asked Tom Ganser if there has been any notification from vendors that there will be price increases for the 2024 year. Tom answered by stating that none of the vendors have notified him of any major price hikes or changes. Tom added that he is hopeful for lowering prices for patrons in early 2024.
 - Joe Thallemer mentioned that this will be his last meeting and wants to thank everyone for all of the work that has been done to make the District so successful.

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

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th, 2023, at 11am.