

# **Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present: Bob Conley, Cary Groninger, Dave Wolkins, Jerry Frush, Ashley McGinnis, Rhonda Helser, Scott Ruest, Tom Ganser, Patrick Webb – InkFree News

Absent: Brad Jackson, Jeff Grose, Leslie Williams

- Call to Order:
  - Bob Conley called the meeting to order.
- February 2024 Board Minutes
  - Bob Conley asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the February 2024 Board Meeting. Jerry Frush 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 \$21,525.22. The ending checking account balance is \$222,168.08, in addition to the 1.4-million-dollar investment.
  - Bob Conley asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports. Cary Groninger asked what last month's checking balance was. Tom Ganser replied by stating that it was 204,760.58. Tom added that we received the HHW stipend from GFL Environmental, causing the increased balance.
  - Bob Conley asked if there were any further questions regarding financials. There were none. Cary Groninger made a motion to approve the financials. Jerry Frush seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
- New Business
  - April Board Meeting Change
    - Tom Ganser stated he would like to change the Board meeting from April 9<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> due to vacation. Ashley McGinnis made a motion to approve the meeting move. Cary Groninger seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
  - Price Reductions
    - Tom Ganser stated that he would like to reduce residential HHW fees to free for the rest of 2024. Tom added that because the District's checking account balance has been steadily increasing, he feels comfortable doing so. Bob Conley asked

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what revenue would be lost due to not charging residential fees. Tom stated that we would use the budgeted funds; however, the funds would not be depleted. Cary Groninger asked if there the District will go into a negative balance by not charging. Tom replied by stating that the funds will not go negative with the revenue the District has coming in from the landfill and commercial fees. Discussion briefly continued on the matter. Cary Groninger stated that a three month amnesty period would gauge the financial aspect, ensuring the funds would not be depleted too quickly. Cary made a motion to approve a 3 month amnesty period. Jerry Frush seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.

- Sewage Pipe
  - Tom Ganser stated that the depot has the sewer line cleaned out; however, it was not fully cleaned out. Tom stated that he is looking to get it fully cleaned out in 2025 as a capital project.
- New Regional Landfill Manager
  - Tom stated that there is a new regional landfill manager for GFL. Tom added that David Bussard still remains as the local landfill manager. Tom stated that the regional manager would like to meet with himself and Scott at some point to discuss the Host agreement.
- Old Business
  - Phones and Internet
    - Tom Ganser stated that the phone and internet service returned February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- Reports
  - Tom Ganser stated that the Director 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 about the cooking oil container. Tom Ganser stated that Mahoney Environmental sent a letter late last year that they would be taking the container due to contamination. Tom added that he is still looking for a company to take cooking oil.
- Adjournment

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- Cary Groninger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Frush seconded the motion, with the board approving.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 11am.