

Kosciusko County Solid Waste Management District

Board Meeting Minutes – October 2024

Present: Brad Jackson, Bob Conley, Cary Groninger, Dave Wolkins, Jerry Frush, Jeff Grose, Ashley McGinnis, Alyssa Schmucker, Scott Ruest, Tom Ganser, Liz Adkins – InkFree News

- Call to Order:
 - Brad Jackson called the meeting to order.
- August 2024 Board Minutes
 - Brad Jackson asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the September 2024 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
 - Alyssa Schmucker presented the claims in the amount of \$28,778.79 and stated that all claims were paid to current. The ending checking account balance is \$275,773.07, in addition to the 1.4-million-dollar investment.
Brad Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports. There were none. Jerry Frush made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Dave Wolkins seconded the motion with the Board approving.
- New Business
 - Interlocal Agreement
 - Alyssa Schmucker stated that the interlocal agreement has been signed by the Counsel and Commissioners and needs signatures from Tom Ganser and Brad Jackson. The question of needing a vote to approve the agreement amount from \$6,000 to \$10,000 surface. Scott Ruest stated that it can be voted on.
Jeff Grose made a motion to approve the agreement change.
Cary Groninger seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
 - Approval of 2025 Salary Ordinance
 - Tom Ganser stated that the salary ordinance for 2025 was recommended by the Council for 3% increase overall. Ashley McGinnis made a motion to approve the ordinance increase as presented. Cary Groninger seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.

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- Resolution to Pay Claims
 - Tom Ganser stated that he would like for \$1,900 from the Education account to be transferred to the meeting expenses account. Tom added that he would also need for \$1,000 to be transferred from the Full Time Educator Salary account to the Part Time Educator account as it is slightly short. Bob Conley made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Dave Wolkins seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
- Proposal to Drop Pricing on Mercury Products
 - Tom Ganser stated that pricing was brought back for mercury products after the amnesty period ended in June; however, the amount being brought in for bulbs is very small. Tom added that he would like to accept these products for free for residents again. Cary Groninger made a motion to approve the amnesty extended to the mercury bulbs. Bob Conley seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
- Exterior Lights
 - Tom Ganser stated that he has a quote from Keough and Sons Electrical for replacing the exterior building lights from HID to LED bulbs for roughly \$2,500. Tom added that he had asked for two other bidders to give a quote; however, he was not able to get them to come out. Tom asked the Board if he would want him to wait to receive another bid before proceeding with Keough and Sons. Scott Reust mentioned that he could accept the bid due to the fact that he reached out to two other companies but was unable to get another bid. Cary Groninger mentioned that since the building being so dark can be a safety concern for employees, that it may be best to proceed with the available bid. Cary Groninger made a motion to proceed with the bid as presented. Bob Conley seconded the motion with the Board approving unanimously.
- 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.

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

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at 11 am.