

Minutes for September 2019

White River Alliance Solid Waste Board September 11, 2019

Those in attendance Sandy Conrad, Moe Brigham, Robert Young, Chet Brown, Judi Brigham, Joshua Powers

Absent Grace Adams

Call to Order 7:00pm

Minutes for August, 2019 Joshua moves to approve August minutes as written. Motion seconded by Moe. Motion approved by vote.

Financial Reports Theresa has not yet put in deposits for the financial report reviewed by Board. Tip fees only show for June and July in the report. Financials are becoming more consistent, and the Station is \$54k ahead in budget. Costs are high for the excavator because it needed expensive work done on it. Hazardous waste costs are also high, but no more than expected. A State grant of \$12,623 was awarded to the Station in April of last year, but fell into the wrong year on financial reports (FY2019). The Station can expect \$8,000 more in State grant money for Hazardous Waste Days in this fiscal year.

Wayne's hours have been reduced to 8-9hrs/day, and he is taking one day off per week. Goodwin's debt is paid off, and Roger contributed another \$500 towards his debt. There are no other outstanding customers to address at this time – all other debts have been written off. All current customers submitted a new application for credit and all charge accounts are updated. Current customers were told they have to sign a personal liability on the debt or else the application won't go through, which will help tremendously in the future in regards to legal action.

Costs Associated with Oil and Antifreeze The State now requires that Transfer Stations accept oil and antifreeze. The Station currently gets \$2/gallon on antifreeze, or \$0.50 per quart. If it's contaminated, it has to be discarded on Hazardous Waste Days, which is more expensive. It is tested for contamination before it's picked up. It costs the Station \$3.05 per gallon to get rid of (includes pick-up fee), so the Station loses \$1.25 per gallon of antifreeze handled. Chet suggests to increase price to \$4/gallon. Similarly, the Station loses \$1.60 per gallon of oil handled, as the resident disposal fee is less than the Station's disposal and pick-up costs combined. Chet suggests to increase the price of oil to \$4 per gallon as well. Board suggests to charge \$5/gallon. Joshua moves to increase the cost of antifreeze and oil to \$5/gallon. Moe seconds. Motion approved by vote. To offset this cost for customers, the A-Z list should be easily accessible and made known to everyone, as well as posted online. The A-Z list includes places that people can drop oil and antifreeze off for free. That is preferred for the Station because it is a nuisance to handle, especially considering labor involved.

Someone came to Transfer Station with 6,000 lbs of ground-up tire. The Station is allowed to use the ground-up tire to spread on dirt outside of where tires are stored to settle the dust. If it packs in, that would allow a surface that can more easily be paved. It is all paid for by the customer, and can easily be gotten rid of.

Manager Report The Budget for next year is not complete. How much insurance will go up this year remains a big question. It is difficult to budget for because the fiscal years for Insurance providers do not line up with the Station's FY. Bluecross got approved to up by around 12%; another insurer got approved to go up 10%. Chet hopes to have the budget done by the next meeting. In regards to estimates on labor, Chet raised labor costs by 10% and put manager position in at salary price. This means that labor costs will go up.

Chet started the SWIP but has not gotten too far. He went through the Material Management Plan and called the State to get clarity on some aspects. The State is requiring Stations to do a survey with the public. Survey has to be between now and December, and has to be in this year's SWIP. The State is allowing each Transfer Station to provide a number of responses that gives a good representative of the area. It's a 4-page long survey, which is very difficult to get people to fill out. The State also wants ordinances up front. That's good for the Station because that information is readily available.

Chet comments that he appreciates all the help he's been getting from the local police in getting customers to actually bring their trash to Transfer Station, as well as dealing with other abnormalities. For example, a woman hit the building with her car and dented one of the front doors. There was a very quick response from the State cops, White River Rescue, and more.

7:42 Moe moves to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons. Joshua seconds. Motion approved by vote.

At 8:16pm Moe motioned and Joshua seconded to come out of executive session. All approved.

Action: Hold special meeting on September 23 at 1pm at the Bethel Town Offices to complete final interviews with full Board for Solid Waste Manager position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18pm