**MAY 2022 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, David Kuderer at 4:04 p.m.

Attendance:

Committee Board: Chairperson, David Kuderer. Eric Devine. Remy Gomez. Nodji Van Wychen. Keith Giraud; Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser; Solid Waste Coordinator, Dawn Pingel

Other guests: Administrator, Tina Osterberg; Modern Disposal, Jerry Martell; River View Construction, Randy Weinkauf; Terry Taylor, County Board Chairperson, Cedric Schnitzler

Period of Public Comment: None at this time

Last meeting minutes: motion by Nodji Van Wychen to approve the April minutes, 2nd by Keith Giraud. All ayes.

**Landfill and Departmental Operations** (Discussion)

*General Activities*: Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, explained the reports and their breakdown to the new board members. *Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report*. David Kuderer questioned the report that was sent – Tina Osterberg, explained that with the iPad, the iPad pulls the latest date rather than the most recent; Dave Heser will fix the next report sent out; Remy Gomez explained how to access the information on the report sent to the committee members; Nodji Van Wychen asked about getting refunded for the refugees by Homeland Security and we should be getting something – Cedric Schnitzler explained that the Finance Department is not done pursuing the funding but was waiting for the new board members and will now continuing forward.

*April 2022 Financial Report*: Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, went over the finance report and explained what the report shows.

**DNR Notice of Violation Update** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, updated the new board with the history of the NOV’s the department has with the DNR and where the department is currently. The DNR has yet to give their response to the open NOV’s; the DNR did comment on some culverts and windblown material. DNR Wetland personnel, Amanda, was onsite today for the expansion portion. She mentioned the landfill wetland doesn’t met all three criteria of a wetland which could mean the cost of buying back credits may be less than expected.

**Leachate Treatment System** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, told the history of the leachate treatment system to new board members. Cedric mentioned that Corporate Council had looked at the contract with Corncob and the pursuing of any legal action would need to be outsourced; Dave discussed the bids given for upgrading from the current system to one like Kandiyohi and would need to get numbers from the Kandiyohi unit for cost numbers; Remy asked about hauling costs; Randy Weinkauf mentioned SWANA asking the Fed’s to up the PPHA’s numbers so DNR cannot come down on landfills taking leachate to water plants. He also mentioned pollution insurance for any spills that could happen during transit.

**Expansion Timeline** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, updated the new board on October being the deadline for the landfill expansion and for things to be completed. Oakridge Engineer, Eric Leitz, was on site taking measurements and getting the information needed to finalize the Plan of Ops and when the new expansion would need to take place. Dave Heser explained the initial cost is high due to the number of things that need to be completed prior to the new expansion to open; Randy Weinkauf added that the price of liner has gone up; Eric Leitz still needs to get information to Dave Heser so a timeline can be established. Question by Eric Devine regarding how long a landfill is good for and when a future expansion would need to take place; Eric Devine asked about how to keep things out of the groundwater; Dave explained the build of the landfill and how the liner and clay work to filter water to keep the groundwater safe and how the monitoring wells work and the steps taken in monitoring the landfill activity that takes place along with the flare monitoring burning off landfill gas.

**Clean Sweep** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, reported that clean sweep was VERY busy this year and was probably the biggest one yet. The line of cars served was constant from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. with a few cars after. It was determined that the event was busy due to good advertising and the change from two hazardous waste cleanups to one.

**Wind Blow Material** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, talked about the wind effects on the waste stream coming in; DNR commented on the amount of windblown trash and suggested that more fencing be put up; Dave Heser has looked into mobile temporary fencing which a budget adjustment is needed.

**Budget Adjustment** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, explained the reason for the budget adjustment for the mobile fencing needed for windblown trash. Mobile fencing is more expensive but at this time, permanent fencing would need to be pulled out once the new expansion construction started. Once a new section of landfill is built, the mobile fencing can be moved accordingly. Dave Heser read the adjustment to the board in its entirety. Cedric Schnitzler asked that a copy of the budget adjustment be provided to all the board members. Question was asked by Eric Devine if the fencing could be reused. Motioned by Remy Gomez to approve the adjustment, 2nd by Keith; all ayes.

**Manager’s Report** (Discussion)

Solid Waste Director, Dave Heser, asked the new committee board about the binders that have historically been brought to the meetings; board decided that no binders would be needed, just the information packets.

**Next Meeting Date** (Discussion)

Discussion on the day / time of meetings and the need to elect a vice-chair. Motion by Eric Devine that the future Solid Waste Committee Meetings be moved to the 2nd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. 2nd by Remy Gomez. All ayes. Next meeting will be June 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:28 p.m.