

Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 20, 2024

Members Present: Frank Welsh, Mark Baker, Carl Smith, Mark Conner, Randy Leister, Lonnie Griffith, and Dan Dunmire

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Staff Present: Lisa Smith, Director

Consultants Present: Thomas Schrack, Solicitor, McQuaide Blasko

Call to Order: Chairman Welsh called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Public Comment:
None

Review of Public Minutes:

Last month's meeting minutes were presented for adoption. Mr. Griffith made a motion to adopt minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Dunmire. All members voted in favor.

Personnel:

None

Financial Information:

Ms. Smith presented the 2024 tonnage information:

- The YTD tonnage is 1709.97 tons ahead of projections.
- The YTD diversion rate is 1.205 %.
- The YTD average trailer weight is 20.93 tons.

Ms. Smith overviewed the Treasurer's report noting the CD maturing 3/22/24 in the amount of \$500,000 outlining investment options provided by JVB of 4.80% APY For 6 months or 4.50% APY for 12 months. Mr. Griffith recommended we proceed with the 12-month option in lieu of unknown market conditions. Ms. Smith suggested increasing the CD amount with excess funds in the general account by an additional \$500,000. Mr. Baker made a motion to adopt the treasurers' report and proceed as discussed with investments, seconded by Mr. Dunmire. All voted in favor.

Ms. Smith presented payables and answered all questions from the Board. Mr. Dunmire made a motion to approve payments of checks nos. 30590-30637 with no voids. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Smith reviewed the Past Due Report.

New Business:

Chairman Welsh introduced Thomas Schrack from McQuaide Blasko as our new Legal Counsel replaced Dan Bright following his retirement the end of this month. He introduced himself and reviewed his background reporting. He represents eight other municipalities along with Centre County SWA and has been with the firm since 2008. After some discussions, Mr. Schrack was welcomed by the entire board.

Ms. Smith informed the board of two new grant filings, the first being a PaDEP 901B to assist with advertising/education of the 2024 HHW event, The mandatory pre-application meeting was held 2/22/24 and the office grant application was submitted online in the County's Name on 3/6/24. Additionally, the PaDEP 902 round \$62 grant opening with a May 10, 2024,

due date which will be for added bins to grow our offsite recycling programs. The mandatory pre-application meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024.

Ms. Smith updated the Board of the need to replace the 2001 Capacity Jockey Truck purchased in 2011 for \$8900. As this is a pressing issue for our operation and we now only have the 2004 Capacity Jockey Truck purchased in 2018 for \$34,175 which is currently our only unit with no backup unit we must act quickly to replace the truck. Several quotes were gathered and reviewed by me and the operational staff. The staff consensus was to set up a rental account, try out the truck first, then present a recommendation to the Board. After using it for a week the staff recommended moving forward with the purchase of a 2015 Capacity Jockey Truck from Hale Trailer. The unit only has 9800 hours on it. After much discussion, Mr. Griffith made a motion to purchase the truck outright, seconded by Mr. Leister. All members voted in favor. Ms. Smith will proceed as directed.

PaDEP 1st quarter 2024 transfer station inspection report was presented, with no violations.

Ms. Smith updated the Board of the BAI groundwater sampling event done in February. The well wizard stopped working partially through the event and the need for BAI to rent one to complete sampling was necessary. The unit is well over 30 years old and has become obsolete and needs replaced, or we continue to add rental fees to our BAI agreement twice a year minimum with a current price for the combined controller/compressor unit (the QED MP-50) \$161.25 per day/\$376.25 per week plus S&H. (We were invoiced \$678.01 for this event). Considering this cost twice a year and a purchase of a new QED MP-50 quoted to MCSWA is \$4903, we will be moving forward with a purchase of the unit in lieu of paying rental costs that could escalate over the future years.

Updates on Pending Business:

None

Executive Session:

None

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

Pending no other business, Mr. Conner moved, seconded by Mr. Griffith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lonnie Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer