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Minutes of Special Public Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

1) Call To Order:

The July 26, 2022 special monthly meeting of the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority (BCSWA) was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman, Clint Hogbin at the 19 Recovery Way Office, Martinsburg, WV.

2) Roll Call:

Board members in attendance: Clint Hogbin, Michele Gula Atha and Mark Barney (Zoom), John Christensen (Zoom), Matthew Grove (Zoom).

Board members absent: None

Visitors: Chris Maloney, Entsorga (Phone)

Staff present: None

3) Meeting Notice/ Agenda Approval:

Mark Barney motioned to accept the agenda as posted. Seconded by Michele Gula Atha
Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

4) Business Items:

A) Consideration of the FY23 General, Litter Control and Recycling Budget Adoption and Any Action Thereon:

The Chairman reminded Board members that Entsorga has not paid any lease payments in 2022. Additionally, on Saturday, July 23, when returning from stream cleanup activities, he called 911 as smoke was coming out of the Entsorga facility. He added that the fire department and other agencies stayed on premises until 9pm. He has continued to stay at the site as often as possible to dispatch the fire department for any rekindle. He stated that efforts by everyone to contact Renovare has yet to produce a response. He reminded Board members that he has exercised a legal component of the lease that allows for entering the facility for inspections.

Chris Maloney stated that he will be at EntSORGA on Wednesday, July 27 at 3:30pm to look at the fire/smoke damage. He stated that EntSORGA has investors ready to pick up the pieces and re-start the operation. He stated that Renovare has operated the facility in a poor manner and EntSORGA will no longer support or work with them. He thanked the Chairman for being at the right place at the right time and working tirelessly to keep the facility stable. He stated that EntSORGA is ready to act to restore the facility as soon as bond holders and others are willing to turn over the facility. He encouraged Board members to stay the course and assured them that the facility can become the positive asset it was originally envisioned.

The Chairman stated that despite the positive tone of Mr. Maloney's comment the timeline of the restoration of the facility is likely many months away. Therefore, he recommends, the Board implement ~\$100K worth of budget cuts in the FY23 budgets.

The Chairman presented an outline and associated proposed litter control, general and recycling budgets where the BCSWA should consider setting the stage for the phased implementation of these items:

- 1) Reduce office staff from 5 days per week to 3.
- 2) Eliminate the staff health insurance reimbursement program.
- 3) Close the Hedgesville Recycling Center.
- 4) Reduce the GVRC operation from 6 days per week to 5.
- 5) Reduce the SBRC operation from 5 days per week to 3.
- 6) Eliminate the electronics collection of the recycling program.

Matthew Grove motioned to adopt the proposed FY23 budgets as presented and authorized the Chairman to implement the changes in consultation with the Vice Chairman as information develops and warrants its implementation. Seconded by: Michele Gula-Atha. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

B) Consideration of the Removal of the Landfill Ban on Covered Electronic Devices and Any Action Thereon:

The Chairman requested the ability to remove the ban on landfilling certain electronic devices as the approved FY23 Recycling Budget does not support a recycling alternative. He reminded Board members that the landfill ban was implemented to support the EntSORGA facility with the funds from the lease payments. He recommended that the Board allow for flexibility to implement the change as information develops.

Mark Barney motioned the BCSWA has determined that a cost effective alternative does not exist for the handling of certain electronic devices and thereby acts to allow the landfilling of certain electronics devices subject to an implementation timeline as determined by the Chairman in consultation with the Vice Chairman as information develops and warrants action. Seconded by: John Christensen. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

5) Public Comment: None

6) Adjournment:

Matthew Grove motioned for adjournment at 7:38 pm. Seconded by Mark Gula Atha.
Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



John Christensen
Secretary