



BOARD OF SOLID WASTE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM
101 N. HALAGUENO
CARLSBAD, NM 88220
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018- 3:30PM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY STANLEY, CHAIRMAN- MEMBER AT LARGE
RICK SALNESS, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 3
JIM GRANTNER, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

JJ CHAVEZ, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2
DAVID REDFORD, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

CITY OF CARLSBAD STAFF PRESENT:

John Lowe, Deputy City Administrator
Ron Myers, Director of Utilities
Lin Pickens, SW Superintendent
Raquel Leyva, SW Coordinator
Melissa Salcido, Grants Administrator
Mary Garwood, SW Code Enforcement/KCB Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

NONE

Jerry Stanley called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Jerry Stanley called the roll of the voting members, determining that four of the five appointed board members were in attendance, which constitutes a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Grantner made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Salness. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Salness, and Stanley. No-none. Absent- JJ Chavez & David Redford. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING:

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Rick Salness made the motion, which was seconded by Jerry Stanley. Jim Grantner abstained. The vote was as follows: Yes- Salness and Stanley. No-none. Abstain- Jim Grantner. Absent- JJ Chavez & David Redford. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

4. REPORTS:

a. Financials:

Melissa Salcido gave the review of the July 2018 (beginning of the FY 19) financial report which stated that the Solid Waste revenues were \$28,789 favorable. A transfer was made to the insurance fund to pay for liability premiums, so that is showing a negative amount. Labor costs were at \$15,756 favorable. Operating costs were favorable by \$166,646. Capital costs were unfavorable by \$87,937. Overall, total costs were favorable by \$94,465 which is positive for the Solid Waste Department, and is a little low due to the recent purchase of the new grapppler truck for a price of roughly \$174,000.

b. Solid Waste:

Mr. Pickens explained that the new grapppler truck will be in operation next month and the numbers from its operations and will begin to be included in his upcoming reports. Solid Waste is just waiting for the tags to come in. Again this month, he brought attention to the waste amount received from Eddy County (Tons) shown in the "*Sandpoint Landfill Operation*" section of his report keeps increasing each month and is still noticeably higher. August 2018 City of Carlsbad residents using the convenience station numbered at 1,084 and Eddy County resident numbers more than doubled that at 2,229. Mr. Pickens also discussed the rates at which the grapppler trucks are in operation is substantially rising. Education and outreach is occurring and the grapppler services are extremely busy. The Solid Waste Dept. is trying to keep up as best it can, but grapppler services are busier than ever. He reported that this year the City of Carlsbad is estimated to spend nearly \$26,000 on fuel costs just on grapppler service alone. With the upcoming "limb season" it is bound to pick up even more. Mr. Pickens went on to say that with the new grapppler truck coming in to operation, that it would serve the department well to hire more drivers as well since they are running short-staffed and have been for a while. Jerry Stanley spoke about the Eddy County resident usage again at the convenience station and the importance of reporting that information to the Eddy County Administration. Convenience station attendants are supposed to ask the resident at the time of drop-off whether they are a City or County resident. A joint City-County Solid Waste meeting is due and Ron Myers said they need to get that scheduled ASAP as well as looking at the landfill contract and when it is up for renewal. John Lowe stated that the City has no immediate plans to charge anyone at the convenience station at this time.

5. DISCUSS RECYCLING NEWS:

Jerry Stanley discussed news stories he has heard of around the nation regarding recycling programs and how those cities have handled the recent changes to recycling in the United States. Ron Myers presented the August 15, 2018 KOB 4 news story called "*The Local Implication of Chinese Restrictions on Recyclables*" to the group. The story explained how the changes in China's requirements of cleaner recyclable material affected the markets worldwide. Jerry Stanley explained that contamination was always a factor with Rainbow Recycling here in Carlsbad when it was in operation. Next, the recent recycling survey results conducted by Magellan Strategies (contracted by the City of Carlsbad to gauge interest), was reviewed by the group. The study was conducted with

300 residents, with 75 in each ward. Overall, the survey shows that 93% of those polled are in favor of a program with 2% being totally unfavorable with the 93% favorable numbers dropping as the mention of charging a fee increases.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to adjourn. Rick Salness made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Grantner. The vote was as follows: Yes-Salness, Grantner, and Stanley. No-none. Absent- JJ Chavez & David Redford. Abstain- none. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:19PM.



Jerry Stanley, Chairman