

### **BOARD OF SOLID WASTE COMMISIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

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

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JERRY STANLEY, CHAIRMAN- MEMBER AT LARGE JIM GRANTNER, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 4 DAVID REDFORD, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

### **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JJ CHAVEZ, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2 RICK SALNESS, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

## CITY OF CARLSBAD STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Harvey- Wastewater Superintendent
Melissa Salcido- Grants Administrator
Ron Myers- Director of Utilities
Raquel Leyva, SW Coordinator
Mary Garwood, SW Code Enforcement/KCB Director
David Flores- SW Supervisor

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

NONE

Jerry Stanley called the meeting to order at 3:40PM.

## ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Jerry Stanley called the roll of the voting members, determining that 3 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. David Redford made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Grantner. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Stanley, and Redford. No-none. Absent- JJ Chavez & Rick Salness. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING:

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Jim Grantner made the motion, which was seconded by David Redford, The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Stanley, and Salness. No-none. Absent- JJ Chavez & Rick Salness. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

## 4. REPORTS:

### a. Financials:

Melissa Salcido reviewed the October 2018 financials as presented in the BSWC packet. She explained that fund transfers were made at the beginning of the year and have now caught up in the budget for an overall unfavorable report of \$416,000.00, but says it should correct itself as the year continues.

## b. Solid Waste:

David Flores presented monthly activities for the City of Carlsbad Solid Waste Department and the presented information in the BSWC packet. The new grappler truck is now in operation. Ron Myers reported that a new driver has been hired for the Solid Waste Dept, and interviews are set up to fill the last open position. Ron Myers and Jim Grantner reported that the City of Carlsbad and Eddy County Solid Waste representatives have met twice in the last few months to open up communication between the two and say they plan to continue moving forward. Jim Grantner attends the joint City and County meetings as a representative of Eddy County. Mr. Grantner went on the say that he would like to see a different set-up for the joint Solid Waste meetings to take place, which would involve more representation from Eddy County Commissioners and City of Carlsbad City Councilmen/women. He would like to see the two entities work hand in hand for a joint commitment towards bettering communication and planning. The members, he said, would hold more power to make impactful decisions since they will already hold decision making positions. Jerry Stanley suggested that Mr. Grantner speak to Mayor Janway about this idea, Jerry Stanley offered to meet with Mayor Janway as well in support of the joint effort. The tonnage of the convenience station was compared from 2017 to 2018, with a substantial increase in drop-offs from Eddy County residents noted between the two time periods. At this time, there is no charge to anyone who uses the City of Carlsbad Convenience Station at 302 E. Plaza, whether it is Eddy County or City of Carlsbad residents. Ron Myers presented a quarterly invoice for Sandpoint Landfill charges for the BSWC to review. Discussion ensued around charging a fee to dispose at the convenience station to assist in covering the increase of services provided for area residents.

## 5. DISCUSS PROJECTS AND GOALS FOR 2019:

Jerry Stanley that he has 3 ideas and concerns he would like to see addressed for 2019. They are as follows:

- 1. Passing the new Solid Waste Ordinance by City of Carlsbad City Council.
- 2. Exploring the possibility of some sort of simple drop-off recycling facility ideally at the Convenience Station, especially with commercial businesses in regards to cardboard (OCC) and aluminum cans. Mr. Stanley knows that residents really want the option.
- 3. Begin once again to look at opening a transfer station to reduce substantial costs to the Solid Waste costs in regards to fuel costs, maintenance, labor time, and many more aspects of the department.

Jim Grantner stated he agrees with Mr. Stanley about his three concerns for 2019 and mentioned the use of incineration for solid waste management. He has both seen and heard them be beneficial in some places around the country. Mr. Grantner stated that he realizes that with a recycling program would need to come the appropriate planning for equipment and personnel to manage the program. Mr. Redford mentioned the litter problem here in the community and that he dislikes seeing Solid Waste trucks and uncovered trailers drive on highways with litter coming out of the top of them. He would like to see littering tickets be

issued, but understands the police departments are stressed with much more pressing issues. Raquel Leyva stated that failure of residents bagging their trash only adds to this problem and is difficult to enforce. David Flores stated that a transfer station would help then to reduce the amount of litter on the 62/180 Highway to the Sandpoint Landfill. Mary Garwood reported that the draft for the "Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance," written under the auspices of the City of Carlsbad Beautification Committee, has been submitted to City of Carlsbad Administration and the City Attorney for their review. She went on to explain that the *Environmental Service Fee* that is being proposed of ten cents for every paper bag used would ideally go for the funding of a recycling program, including equipment and education and outreach. It would also go to provide reusable bags for giveaways at City of Carlsbad events and public offices.

## 6. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51PM.

Chairman