

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
TEGU BUILDING, MORRISVILLE, VT

SUPERVISORS

Cathy Mander-Adams	Belvidere	Absent	Cambridge
Absent	Craftsbury	David Whitcomb	Eden
Absent	Elmore	Marilyn Zophar	Hyde Park
Absent	Johnson	Charles Cooley	Morristown
Willie Noyes	Stowe	Lucas Tilton	Waterville
Phillip Wilson	Wolcott	Carl Witke	Worcester

STAFF

Susan Alexander	District Manager	Donna Griffiths	Clerk
James Gonyaw	Facilities Foreman		

Chair Willie Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2022

Cathy moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 and the motion was seconded.
(Marilyn joined the meeting at 6:35.) The motion was passed unanimously.

3. FY 2022 FINANCIALS

a. *Approve May 2022 Financial Reports*

Charles said the year to year profit and loss comparison sent out was for 2020 and 2021.
Susan said it appears the wrong one was sent. She will have Joyce send out the correct one tomorrow.

Charles moved and Lucas seconded to approve the May 2022 financial reports.
The motion was passed unanimously.

Lucas asked if we had the scale worked on. Susan said what we paid for was probably calibration or annual maintenance. James agreed. He said we also got a quote for replacing the plates that pull up to give access. We are going to have to get new ones soon but we haven't ordered them yet.

b. *Ratification of Check Register*

Charles moved to ratify the check register. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c. *Pre-payment Authorizations for Large Checks*

Lucas moved and Cathy seconded to authorize pending payments in the amount of \$13,366.05. The motion was passed unanimously

4. UPDATES

Susan said the Lamoille County Conservation District had about 25 participants for the river cleanup funded by the grant from LRSWMD. They pulled some tires and two 30-gallon bags of trash out of the river. They only used \$300 of the \$500 grant. They would like to be able to organize another event later in the year. They said the cleanup was a great opportunity to talk about things like streambank protection as well as illegal disposal.

Susan said the audit for FY22 will start on August 10. We are using the same auditing firm we have been using.

Susan said the stump dump in Hyde Park was inspected a few weeks ago and we got a letter outlining alleged violations. Susan went and looked at it. The violations appeared not to be serious and Susan is fairly certain they can be fixed without much expense. This stump dump is a valuable resource for our area. We don't want to fill up our stump dump in Johnson too quickly so we have stopped taking stumps there. The Town of Johnson has had a concern that they don't want the stump dump to fill up too quickly with material from other towns.

James reviewed the recent compactor repairs at Stowe. We have spent \$16,530.31 so far. Another cylinder is leaking and needs to be replaced. He estimates that will cost \$3900.

Charles asked how old the compactor is. James said he was born in 1986 and it is probably about the same age he is. Charles asked what a new one costs. James said \$180K to \$200K. An electrician pointed out some electrical work that needs to be done to get the compactor up to code. James will get an estimate from him but he verbally told Willie the work would probably cost about \$30K. Willie thinks we can do the work piecemeal so we don't have to spend all the money at once.

Susan said she thinks the capital plan calls for spending around 60K in FY24 for work on the hopper. We may need to do it this year and if it turns out to be more expensive than we are thinking we may want to think about adding more money to the capital budget.

Lucas and Charles asked about whether it would make sense to buy a new compactor. Charles feels we ought to consider it. Lucas said there has been a lot of progression in compactor technology since ours was built. Susan agreed. New ones may have better compaction rates or better efficiency in terms of electrical use. Charles said he would suggest an analysis so we can make an informed decision. Maybe we can get better compaction and carry a few more tons per load. Willie said our current compaction is pretty good for our needs. The electrical work has to be done. If we do get a new unit the electrical components will be all ready to hook up to the new unit. James said a new power unit seems wise to him but he thinks refurbishing the hopper seems like a sensible direction. Charles suggested pricing out the alternatives so we can make an intelligent decision.

James said we have been baling cardboard for about a year. Within a week or two we should send out our fifth load. In September the board should be able to see the financial numbers for the baling operation. We are ordering 2 open top roll-offs for Johnson. The ones there shouldn't be on the road anymore. He got quotes and went with the company Matt Sweet suggested. James said he is a little worried about keeping Stowe open while moving the shed there. It may be difficult with everything going on. We have been able to reduce the frequency of hauling from Johnson by saving out the OCC. One box now only has cardboard in it. Matt Sweet said it will cost \$200 to bring it to Stowe and we will get income for it instead of paying to dispose of it. Percy was on site in Stowe today to start the repaving project for the apron in front of the electric department building to keep water from going into the building. They will finish tomorrow.

Susan asked if we can add glass to the separated cardboard collection at Stowe. James said hopefully yes. He has to figure out how to do the required two-stage separation. Susan said they require that we have eyes on the glass twice – when it is put into a small container initially and then when it is put into a bigger container – to make sure only glass is going into the container.

Susan said she hasn't heard any news about the new MRF in Chittenden County. It will require a public vote.

Susan said there was a change to the bottle bill this year. The redemption amount for bottles and cans of some types of alcohol like seltzers and mixers is being changed from 15 cents to 5 cents. The new legislation went into effect this year but the 15 cent cans are still on the shelves so they decided to wait to implement it until January 2023. At that point, no matter what it says on the can the redemption amount will be a nickel.

Lucas moved and Charles seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Willie Noyes adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Griffiths, District Clerk Date

Willie Noyes, Chair Date