

# **Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority**

Special Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
3200 Chamberlain Rd, Buchanan, MI

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- **Call to Order:** Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- **Roll Call** taken by Rachel Plank

## Board Members Present:

Bertrand Township: David Kuhn, Dave Zelmer  
Buchanan City: Heather Grace, Patrick Swem  
Buchanan Township: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Thomas Gordon  
Niles City:  
Niles Charter Township: Dan Pulaski, Herschel Hoese

## Others Present:

SEBC Landfill General Manager: Tyler Ganus  
Note Taker: Rachel Plank  
Others:  
Absent: Linda Casperson, William Weimer

## **Consent Calendar**

Approve Agenda – August 26, 2022

### **#01-10/26**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with addition of Kinder Morgan contract added to Unfinished Business by Kuhn. Seconded by Zelmer.  
Voice Vote Ayes: Kuhn, Pulaski, Zelmer, Cole-Crocker, Hoese, Gordon, Grace and Swem.

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **Public Comment – None**

## **Unfinished Business**

Kuhn discusses concerns regarding Kinder Morgan contract in regards to Semco relationships. Board discussion regarding – Semco gas purchasing, flaring, footprint needed by Semco, existing plant use, liability issues and direction of how all these things will need to be reviewed and considered.

## **New Business**

- Closed Session – MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 – 1c & h

### **#02-10/26**

Motion by Hoese to enter Closed Session according to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 – 1, c & h. *“15.268 Closed sessions; permissible purposes; applicability to independent citizens redistricting commission. Sec. 8. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes: (c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the*

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*negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. (h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.”* At 10:35 AM Zelmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Gordon, Kuhn, Hoese, Grace, Pulaski, Swem and Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Abstain:

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **Closed Meeting at 9:16 AM**

### **#03-10/26**

Motion by Cole-Crocker to open session of Public Meeting at 10:28 AM, Kuhn supported the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Grace, Swem, Cole-Crocker, Gordon, Kuhn, Zelmer, Hoese and Pulaski.

Nays: None

Abstain:

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **Opened Meeting at 10:28 AM**

### **Continued New Business**

### **#04-08/26**

Motion by Graced to authorize Ganus to negotiate with union based on discussion held. Seconded by Kuhn.

Voice Vote Ayes: Gordon, Zelmer, Hoese, Pulaski, Grace, Kuhn, Swem and Cole-Crocker.

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried (8-0)

### **General Managers Comments: None**

### **Public Comment - None**

**Adjournment:** Adjournment at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully,  
Dan Pulaski

Minutes approved by Secretary

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Dan Pulaski, Secretary