

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 18, 2023
3200 Chamberlain Rd, Buchanan, MI

- **Call to Order:** Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- **Roll Call** taken by Rachel Plank
Board Members Present:
Bertrand Township: Dave Zelmer, David Kuhn
Buchanan City: Patrick Swem, Heather Grace
Buchanan Township: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Thomas Gordon
Niles City: William Weimer, Linda Casperson
Niles Charter Township: Dan Pulaski, Herschel Hoese
Others Present:
SEBC Landfill: Tyler Ganus
Note Taker: Rachel Plank
Others: Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall P.C.
Absent:

Consent Calendar

- Approve Agenda – January 18, 2023
- Approve December 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes

#01-01/18

Zelmer motioned to approve the Consent Calendar for January 18, 2023 with amendment to Meeting Minute motions #02-12/22 and #03-12/22 to remove Grace and add Casperson. Pulaski seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (10-0)

Public Comment – None.

Audit Report

Audit Report presented by Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall P.C.

Finance Committee Meeting – January 13, 2023

Cole-Crocker summarized the Finance Committee meeting of January 13, 2023, and presented the following to the board members for approval:

#02-01/18

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve Balance Sheet dated December 31, 2022. Zelmer seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Grace, Weimer, Swem, Cole-Crocker, Gordon, Kuhn, Zelmer, Hoese, Casperson and Pulaski.

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Nays: None

Motion Carried (10-0)

#03-01/18

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the Income Statement dated December 31, 2022. Seconded by Swem.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Gordon, Zelmer, Weimer, Pulaski, Grace, Casperson, Swem, Kuhn, Hoese and Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (10-0)

#04-01/18

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the check registers dated December 30, 2022, January 6 and January 11, 2023. Casperson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Casperson, Gordon, Hoese, Weimer, Grace, Pulaski, Swem and Zelmer.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (10-0)

Operations Committee Meeting – January 13, 2023

Pulaski summarized the Operations Committee meeting of January 13, 2023, and presented the following for approval:

#05-01/18

Pulaski motioned to increase the construction cost up to \$74K to build a stairway for the Equalization Basin. Seconded by Grace.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Casperson, Grace, Gordon, Swem, Cole-Crocker and Pulaski.

Nays: Hoese, Zelmer, Kuhn and Weimer.

Abstain:

Motion Carried: (6-4)

Executive Committee Meeting – Did Not Meet

Human Resources Committee – Did Not Meet

Unfinished Business – Closed Session under MCL 15.268 Sec.8. (1), (2), (c) & (h)

#06-01/18

Swem motioned to enter Closed Session at 5:58PM under MCL 15.268 Sec. 8. (1), (2) (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 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.”*. Zelmer seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote Ayes: Swem, Cole-Crocker, Zelmer, Kuhn, Casperson,
Pulaski, Weimer, Gordon, Hoese and Grace.

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried: (10-0)

Closed Session 5:58 PM

Session Re-Opened 7:17 PM

#08-01/18

Cole-Crocker motioned to allow the General Manager to negotiate the collective bargaining agreement pursuant to closed session discussions.

Seconded by Pulaski.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hoese, Casperson. Pulaski, Cole-Crocker, Weimer, Gordon and Kuhn.

Nays: Grace, Zelmer and Swem.

Abstain:

Motion Carried: (7-3)

New Business – None

General Manager Comments – Ganus updated Board on overall operations of site.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Adjournment at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully,
Rachel Plank
Note Taker

Minutes approved by Secretary

Daniel Pulaski, Secretary