

# **Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
3200 Chamberlain Rd, Buchanan, MI

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- **Call to Order:** Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- **Roll Call** taken by Amber Ramirez
  - Board Members Present:
    - Bertrand Township: Dave Zelmer, Dave Kuhn
    - Buchanan City: Mark Weedon
    - Buchanan Township: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Tom Gordon
    - Niles City: Linda Casperson, Bill Weimer
    - Niles Charter Township: Herschel Hoese
  - Others Present:
    - SEBC Landfill: Robert Kras
    - Note Taker: Amber Ramirez
    - Others:
    - Absent: Patrick Swem, Dan Pulaski

## **Consent Calendar**

- Approve Agenda – August 21, 2024
- Approve July 17, 2024, Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approve July 25, Special Board Meeting minutes
- Election of Officers

## **#01-08/21**

Kuhn made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with modifications including changing the title of the July 17 2024 board minutes from “Special Board Meeting” to “Regular Board Meeting”, moving the Election of Officers to New Business, and adding Southwest Material Planning Committee information under New Business. Zelmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Kuhn, Zelmer, Weimer, Cole-Crocker, Hoese, Gordon, Casperson, Weedon.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **Public Comment – None**

## **Finance Committee**

Cole-Crocker summarized the Finance Committee report from August 9, 2024, and presented the following to the board members for approval:

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## **#02-08/21**

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the check register(s) dated July 30, 2024 and August 6, 2024 as presented. Zelmer seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Casperson, Gordon, Hoese, Weimer, Weedon, Zelmer.  
Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **#03-08/21**

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the appointing of Siegfried and Crandall as auditor for the 2023-2024 audit for \$13.4k. Kuhn seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote Ayes: Casperson, Weedon, Gordon, Hoese, Zelmer, Kuhn, Cole-Crocker, Weimer.  
Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **#04-08/21**

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the renewal of 2 LOCs and 1 CD with Sturgis Bank as presented to meet state requirements. Weedon seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote Ayes: Weedon, Weimer, Cole-Crocker, Gordon, Kuhn, Zelmer, Hoese, Casperson.  
Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **#05-08/21**

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the renewal of 1 LOC with United Federal Credit Union as presented to meet state requirements. Zelmer seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote Ayes: Gordon, Zelmer, Weimer, Weedon, Casperson, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.  
Nays: None

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## **Operations Committee**

Gordon summarized the Operations Committee report from August 16, 2024, and presented the following to the board members for approval:

### **#06-08/21**

Gordon motioned to approve the hiring of Maurer Well Service Inc to redrill 2 wells for \$21,170.00. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Weimer, Hoese, Weedon, Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Zelmer, Casperson, Gordon.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

### **#07-08/21**

Gordon motioned to approve the hiring of Weaver Consultants Group for general engineering for \$15,000.00. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Casperson, Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Gordon, Weimer, Weedon, Zelmer, Hoese.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

### **#08-08/21**

Zelmer motioned to auction off unused equipment as with guidelines set forth. Cole-Crocker seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Zelmer, Kuhn, Casperson, Weimer, Gordon, Hoese, Weedon.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

## **New Business:**

### **#09-08/21**

Zelmer motioned to approve the Election of Officers as they are currently standing with Tom Gordon as the Chair, Patrick Swem as the Vice Chair, Dave Kuhn as the Treasurer, Dan Pulaski as the Secretary, and Linda Casperson as the Assistant Secretary. Cole-Crocker seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Hoese, Casperson, Weedon, Zelmer, Cole-Crocker, Weimer, Gordon, Kuhn.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-0)

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## **General Manager's Comments:**

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August an EGLE Inspection took place with no violations.
- RFP on gas design and looking at existing gas system to see if any upgrades are needed.
- RFP on RAP removal and expansion.
- The current placement of 150,000 yards from Amazon needs to be decided; it would be in the landfill's best interest to avoid royalty fees.
- Cornerstone / TeTra Tek is currently studying our Leechate. Decisions will need to be made with our future needs with PFAS, flow, and Nitrogen. Current suggestions on how to eliminate PFAS are very expensive.

## **Public Comment – None**

**Adjournment:** Adjournment at 6:16 p.m.

*Daniel C Pulaski Sr.*

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Daniel Pulaski, Secretary