

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
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 Amber Ramirez
 - Board Members Present:
 - Bertrand Township: Dave Zelmer, Dave Kuhn
 - Buchanan City: Patrick Swem, Mark Weedon
 - Buchanan Township: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Tom Gordon
 - Niles City: Linda Casperson, Bill Weimer
 - Niles Charter Township: Dan Pulaski
 - Others Present:
 - SEBC Landfill:
 - Note Taker: Amber Ramirez
 - Others:
 - Absent: Herschel Hoese

Consent Calendar

- Approve Agenda – February 21, 2024, 2024
- Approve January 17, 2024, Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approve January 31, Special Board Meeting
- Approve February 13, 2024, Special Board Meeting

#01-02/21

Swem motioned to approve the Consent Calendar with an amendment to add contract negotiations and interim extensions under New Business. Weedon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Kuhn, Pulaski, Zelmer, Cole-Crocker, Gordon, Casperson, Weedon, Swem.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

Public Comment – None

Finance Committee

Cole-Crocker summarized the Finance Committee report from February 16, 2024, and presented the following to the board members for approval:

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#02-02/21

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the balance sheet dated January 31, 2024 as presented. Zelmer seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#03-02/21

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the income statement dated January 31, 2024 as presented. Casperson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#04-02/21

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the check register(s) dated January 09, 2024 and January 30, 2024 as presented. Swem seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#05-02/21

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve to the full board to allow Thomas Gordon the authority to renew maturing CDs at current banks with terms to be determined after capital review. Kuhn seconded the motion.

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

Abstained: Swem

Nays: None

Motion Carried (8-1-0)

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Operations Committee

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

#06-02/21

Pulaski motioned to approve the purchase of a generator and pump for \$24,161.60. Swem seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#07-02/21

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the authorization of Tom Gordon to proceed with the Professional Services Agreement with Cornerstone.

Zelmer seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#08-02/21

Weedon motioned to approve the purchase a Kubota RTV-X 1100 CWA not to exceed \$22,900.00. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Swem, Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Casperson, Pulaski, Weimer, Gordon, Weedon.

Nays: Zelmer

Motion Carried (8-1)

#09-02/21

Weedon motioned to approve the continued use of the Aljon 500 Compactor (ID 111) for spare parts, particularly wheels. Kuhn seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

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New Business:

#10-02/21

Swem motioned to approve proceeding with negotiations with General Manager candidate Bob Kras to make an offer. Zelmer seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#11-02/21

Swem motioned to approve the extension of the existing General Manager Interim contract up to 60 days. Pulaski seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

General Manager's Comments:

- Gordon has continued praise to Landfill staff for their outstanding work, both in daily operations and overtime operations.
- Budget processes are continuing to be negotiated by finding out what is needed by staff.
- There is no more Leachate in CELL C-V!
- All well levels are caught up with in each of the cells.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment: Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

Daniel Pulaski

Daniel Pulaski, Secretary