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Regular Board Meeting

June 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Linger at 5:05 pm

Members Present: Bill Linger, Roman Gillitzer, Kevin Downs, Ken Monson, Natasha Sailer

Employees Present: Scott Waltner, Pam Cunningham

Guest Present: Commissioner Dennis Shupak

Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2019: Ken Monson made a motion to approve minutes as written and was seconded by Natasha Sailer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget:

- Cash \$214,015.48
- Revenue \$747,231.35 109%
- Expenses \$618,791.92 75%

Revenue is still over stated by about \$30,000.00. There is a problem with the Roll-off Box

Revenue

Old Business

Update on Union Contract – Scott Waltner informed the Board that the Union was asking for a six percent wage increase for all three years for the contract. Scott also stated that the next meeting is June 19, 2019.

New Business

City of Billings Contract and Pricing – Scott Waltner informed the Board that the City of Billings had their meeting on June 10, 2019. At that time, they voted to increase the tonnage fees by fifteen percent instead of five percent. This will increase our fee from \$22.68 per ton to \$26.11 per ton.

Solid Waste Tax Assessment – Scott Waltner discussed with the Board that the last recommendation to the BOCC was tabled and the Board was asked to come back with why we need the increase and look out into the future with where we need to go.

In the 2006-2007 expenses to the 2014-2015 expenses, the average percentage of increase is 3.14%. A long discussion was had with regard to what was needed in the future and what direction the Solid Waste wanted to go. A compactor in Absarokee is 30 years old. Paving needs to be done at the sites along with the office and shop area. The hooks on the trucks are 20 years old. There are 3 trucks, the oldest will need to be replaced in a few years. If the assessment is not increased, Solid Waste will not be able to continue operation and will have to cut services.

Natasha Sailer made a motion to recommend increasing the Solid Waste assessment from \$146.00 to \$185.00, with a 4 percent increase in subsequent years, with a review after 3 years to make any adjustments if necessary. Kevin Downs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charging for Unsecure Loads – Scott Waltner discussed that the City of Billings has put into action to charge anyone coming to the landfill with unsecure loads will be charged \$10.00 per load. This is going to hopefully stop or slow down the littering on the highway. This could be used in Stillwater County. The roads to the sites are covered with litter from people not securing their loads.

There was some discussion and it was tabled for a later date.

Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm – Kevin Downs made a motion to adjourn and Roman Gillitzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Linger re-opened the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Bill Linger informed the Board that a Board Member has missed 4 consecutive meetings. Bill was recommending writing a letter to the BOCC as in Policy 5.00 Article 1. Membership.

There was discussion and was decided to send a letter to the BOCC.

Roman Gillitzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Monson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Bill Linger

Pam Cunningham