

LSWDD BOARD MEETING, MARCH 16, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order -Pam at 1 PM.

Present: Board Members Pam, Clay, Ross, Cyndi, Gene, Rhea; Staff: Larissa TEOC coordinator; David Facility Manager; Dan Post public.

Approval of February 16, 2022 Board Minutes—motion to approve by Rhea. Change “garbage disposal unit” to “dumpster.” Correction: June 25 is Household Hazardous Waste Day. Approved with changes unanimously.

Status Reports:

Financial Report/Claims & Payroll-Ric

We had February income of \$29,912 and expenses of \$28,567, leaving a modest profit of \$1,345 for the month. On a year-to-date basis, we have income of \$72,032 and expenses of \$61,137, leaving a year-to-date profit of \$10,892.

Cyndi asked about garbage tip differential. Ric: mainly because of timing of expenses vs. income. Calculated by annual budget divided by 12 but it should be done by seasons instead to be more accurate. Rhea: we will have to watch fuel costs. Ric: wages are the biggest expense; we anticipated Skagit’s increases when we did the budget.

Solid Waste Alternatives Project (SWAP)-Kat (absent). Her report is appended. We all appreciate the details and increase in levels of accountability. We will extend the tool use agreement with the ReMakery for another 3 months as we wait for a grant to be decided. Ric will draft an extension to the agreement.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)-David: No meeting this month. One hour added to Hazardous Waste pickup.

Staff Reports & Questions from Board Members:

Facility Manager-David: Still looking for a box truck, has seen one he likes. Met with Barbara at LIFRC to discuss how to use box truck cooperatively, maybe use for food distribution in an insulated but not refrigerated truck. Useful meeting, results forthcoming. Possible co-own to get some funding to buy the truck.

Waiting for recyclable values.

Rhea: do we still have a vaccination mandate in effect. We may not have been able to use all volunteers. Masking is no longer required. County is still requiring vaccinations, which includes volunteers. Larissa: hasn’t heard anything one way or the other from volunteers. This could be an issue for GICU because some volunteers in the past have not been vaccinated; other islands have not required it.

Re: Orcas glass crusher—haven’t had the conversation yet with them. Current situation is workable, handling glass on island. Transportation costs could be prohibitive given the ferry situation.

District Manager-Ric: Five claims that need signatures.

- LSWDD Claim 21054
- LSWDD Claim 22001
- LSWDD Claim 22002

- LSWDD Claim 22003
- February Payroll Claim

We've solicited proposals from three consultants on our master plan expansion. Pam: is there a deadline to hear from them. Not really. At this point we're asking if they can and are willing to do the work. Should hear by next Wednesday. Auditor says we have a clean audit. Ric suggests a committee meet for the exit interview and report to board. It will be recorded. Pam, Ross, and David, and Ric will meet.

Bailer shed funding money is still not available.

SWAP is campaigning for funds to assist with box truck purchase.

Administrator - Monthly Bale-David/Gary: Gary has provided monthly reports on traffic. We have hovered around 600+ cars each week. It was down, now it's back up. Public Works is moving to four day schedule which will help with parking.

Training, Education, and Outreach Coordinator-Larissa: 4 new volunteers and one returning for the season; all trained. Corrected one email in error which adds a volunteer.

Saturday recycle plaza still hard to fill. RE: having minors volunteer. Larissa has reached out to some parents to discuss this. Pursuing this.

Adding a volunteer recognition section to the website. Re: composting. Will have a meeting soon and a launch in May during international compost week. Bringing school in on this and how to do outreach.

GICU being organized. Waiting for a poster.

Met with High school principal Martha Martin to organize Earth Day activities. Martin enthusiastic to work with seniors. Considering an intern for next year.

The spring newsletter going out this week; will go out quarterly unless a monthly newsletter is practical (which is what Orcas does). Rhea prefers quarterly and provide more stories/information.

Also working on the Facebook and Instagram pages, creating buttons. Adding a newsfeed to website to update what we're taking in and not and what items are available. This is getting much buzz.

TIOLI is going well, moving a lot of material. Considering a raffle for really high-value items so it's less first come first served. Larissa will bring this up with her committee and let us know what is decided.

Public Comment / Input:

Dan Post: garbage levels are comparable or a little more than last year. We chart it quarterly.

Old Business:

External Resources Policy Proposal-All: Ross has revised and Rhea streamlined policy concerning seeking external resources. Is there institutional memory on this and a policy manual? Ric will try to locate. Pam has made some changes and additions and will distribute to Ross and Rhea for consideration. Rhea: County has a "three-touch" approach to proposals. Main point is we shouldn't propose and vote on the first presentation of something of importance.

Strategic Planning Framework - Cyndi, (Clay): Time and energy are our greatest assets. Rhea: SP often done in a retreat setting after initial ideas presented. Pam: important for

identifying our priorities short (one-three year) and long (five year) time scale, guidelines to inform us and the community where we want to be, an ongoing process. Ross: this is an important process that will help us move forward. Notes should be sent to Cyndi and Clay. Clay: need to stay practical, beginning with where we've been and where we want to go,

New Business:

Ross: we need to express our concerns and thoughts to Colby for his recent family emergencies on behalf of the board. All agreed; it will be from the board. Ross will write.

Adjournment at 2:25.

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 20, 1-2:30 pm on Zoom until further notice.