

MANAGING BOARD MEETING
LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Approved (12/18/19)

LOPEZ ISLAND FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board members present: Clark Johnson, Rhea Miller, Gene Helfman, and Clay Smith. Others present: District Manager Laurie Bullock; Facility Manager David Zapalac; Nikyta Palmisani TOEC; Swap Chair Kim Norton; and guest Linda Noreen.

Clark called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM, noting no changes to the agenda.

Rhea moves to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Status Reports:

Laurie reviewed the October financials.

When expenses are significantly higher, Rhea wants to understand why.

Recycling fees higher due to the oil recycling. **Garbage transportation** higher because of an error from QuickBooks and we have paid ahead. Cost is higher due to volume. **Communications** is good year-to-date; we played catch-up.

Solid Waste Alternatives Project (SWAP). Blossom Grocery Bag Bin doing better. Keep checking to make sure no inappropriate bags are there. 17 skirt designers at the November workshop. Dog Calendar sales going well. Kim, Rhea, Jonathan to meet to nail down task list for levy campaign. SWAP at Preschool Bazaar 11/30 and Pt. Stanley Holiday Sale 12,14.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) No meeting. Laurie will be on the committee as the Lopez Representative

Staff Reports:

RHEA question: How are we going to avoid paying for four thousand pounds of garbage?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/IDEAS ON BULK LOADS

~Do we need to adjust price for contactor? Weight? Volume?

~Garbage has to be paid for. If the contractors pay less, then the price of cans may need to increase. We need to have a correlation between pounds paid for garbage out and money collected.

~Obtain information from Skagit, San Juan Transfer station, and Orcas to learn the weight in a pick-up truck? The cleanest is using a scale as the weight is clear. However, adjusting the base weight per cubic foot may be necessary

~Track what goes to landfill from TIOLI.

~SAFETY – Shift of TIOLI space means that there is less room for furniture, so in the past, folks paid to leave stuffed furniture and if the furniture were taken to be reused, that was money taken in. However, if more furniture is going into landfill, there is not as much extra revenue from furniture.

~Collect data, so that informed decisions can be made.

~Have an newspaper article in the spring, so that homeowners understand the cost of a truckload of garbage to communicate the difference of volume and weight.

RECYCLING NOTE

Recycling sales are dropping in price. Both steel and cardboard are down.

Old Business

Rhea moves to sign the resolution certifying the levy. Passed.

Clark moves to adapt the 2020 budget 676871. Passed.

CREDIT CARD

Feedback from the county about the account for the credit card. Laurie will have a resolution for December meeting. She is learning what we need to do to make it legal.

RESOLUTIONS

May need information about how resolutions are written. (on December agenda)

QSEHRA

How does the tax credit work? Need to learn how this should sync with health care premiums.

Learning about accountability. Does this benefit our employees? **Laurie continues her research to see the options that are possible. Laurie will let us know if we need a special meeting, so that this can be resolved in a timely manner.**

New Business

REVENUE STREAM EVALUATION

COMMITTEE: Paige Reed, Bruce Creps, David Zepalac, Laurie Bullock

Idea Pot

- Reworking the “Annual Budget/Levy Cycle” Procedure (February)
- TIOLI donations: credit card. Maybe a lock box or an account, Envelopes (Old Business next month)
- Reserve fund – policy (Identify purpose of reserve)
- Volunteers: Enhancing motivation. (Keep cooking on this)
- Mark Ingram – Meet and Greet? (Good Idea!)

Public Comment

Co-mingled Recycle Option – Consider dropping
Share how much material is redirected by Recycle Dogs

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be on December 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey (via Kim Norton), Secretary

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