

LSWDD Minutes, July 20, 2022

Members present: Ross, Pam, Gene, Rhea, Cyndi; Staff: Ric, David, Larissa; public Dan Post, John Trench

Call to Order -Pam at 1:01

Approval of June 15, 2022 Board Minutes: approved unanimously

Status Reports

Financial Report/Claims & Payroll—Ric: We had June income of \$42,149 and expenses of \$55,002, leaving a deficit of \$12,853 for the month. On a year-to-date basis, we have income of \$291,400 and expenses of \$259,772, leaving a year-to-date profit of \$31,628.

The cash payment of \$16,610 for a new dumpster was the primary reason for our June deficit. We would have otherwise completed June without a deficit month in 2022. We continue to effectively manage wage expenses (our largest expense line item).

June donations were buoyed by a generous \$4,500 check from SWAP in commitment to purchasing a box truck.

Included in the packet are the following:

- • June 2022 Month P&L
- • June 2022 YTD P&L
- • Revised Monthly Rev/Exp/Profit Chart – provide some time series sense of our finances

We ended June with \$103,319 in cash and \$260,000 in District Reserves, for a total of \$363,319.

Solid Waste Alternatives Project (SWAP)—Kat not present. Ric: confirmed they've taken steps needed for managing levy from Kat and John. Pam saw John and thanked him for being involved in the levy as a helper. Rhea says training went well.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)—David: Did not meet; will meet Aug 11. Had an operators' meeting re: trip to Recology but our barbecue conflicted so we didn't attend. Talking about a booth at county fair; will talk with Larissa. Also discussed tire disposal, which is another thing we need a box truck for. Still looking for a truck. Jamie Stephens attended a meeting of county commissioners and discussed Burlington N Railroad reducing number of runs because of staffing issues. May affect us in the future.

Facility report: A volunteer fell and cut herself, out for a few days but has returned to work. We're around 900 visitors per week; >1K cars came in after July 4th and we've had to fill

volunteer gap with paid hours from staff. Summer traffic rush appears to have plateaued. Rhea: Recycling numbers are down (17%); any idea why? David—probably a reflection of things getting back to normal after the Covid pulse. Ric: garbage revenue is down 22% from last year. August staffing may be problematic with upcoming vacations.

Strategic Planning Committee--Cyndi, Ross: Strategic Plan has been finalized and will go on the website once David and Larissa have one more look. Rhea moved to approve the plan. Rhea: When someone on board asks for an opinion, any replies should go directly to one person rather than reply all. Strategic Plan approved unanimously. Pam: SP should be reviewed periodically, as stated in the document

Staff Reports

Facility Manager—David (see above)

District Manager—Ric: claims will be coming out soon. Wilson Engineering has begun work on site expansion plan and has visited the site. We approached Fish Bay Water District about extending water to our site as opposed to digging a well. Fees for baler shed approved, now waiting for county to approve permits. Rhea: site expansion is likely to increase our overall expenses and we have to keep this in mind. Pam: has spoken with county and other islands to try to anticipate new expenses with site expansion. A comprehensive analysis will be necessary in the near future.

Administrator--Monthly Bale-David/Gary: see report

Training, Education, and Outreach Coordinator—Larissa (from Denmark!): Follow up on strategic plan—will rely on board and Ric before sending out public information on the expansion. Planning a press release on site expansion after we know it's happening, i.e, Public Works still deciding on where to move to. Volunteer recruitment problems are mainly Saturdays at Recycle Plaza because of conflict with Farmer's market, etc. Two new volunteers trained and two others have returned. Ric: maybe emphasize the role volunteers play in keeping the recycle stream clean. Other ideas knocked around.

Larissa:RE: Green Village at the county fair, has met with Katy Fleming about this, will participate in round table, but Lopez will not have a table there. Fair is Aug 16-20.

Public Comment / Input: Dan—garbage truck ferries are a challenge especially in afternoons. Garbage July volume is way up, mainly due to contractors. Pam-can we repurpose contractor garbage. David will talk with contractors about sorting input for a possible fee reduction. Sorting would have to happen by contractors. Rhea—will be uphill battle because contractors are hesitant to commit time and labor to sorting. Much discussion and ideas with everyone trying to come up with a solution.

John Trench: get folks who are remodeling to have conversations with contractor to save re-usable items. Ric posted names of businesses in Chat, e.g., There were two companies - Urban Ore and Omega Salvage that operate in the SF Bay Area that are very successful in repurposing construction materials. Space/storage is the big issue for us.

Old Business

Approval of Resolution 2022-2: 2023 Excess Levy. Ric: it's unchanged from last year as per management committee's decision to leave things as they are for now. Rhea: why isn't mill rate included in the resolution? Ric: following guidelines from county auditor because we don't know mill rate yet. Requires conversation with Elections Committee who follow auditor's guidelines. Rhea moved for approval; Passed unanimously.

Composting Initiative Update: Cyndi—starting with organics reduction then follow with composting. Larissa: working on food waste reduction strategy (education around storage, purchasing, preserving) before we move to composting side. Info distributed at Farmer's Market. Working with Katy Fleming on same topics, collaboration to happen via composting workshop at the Fair plus follow up in December, including talks with Midnight's Farm. County interested and may involve a consultant funded by county.

New Business: none.

Adjournment: Rhea moved, unanimous, at 2:00.

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 17, 1-2:30 pm