

Minutes, LSWDD Board Meeting, June 23, 2021

1:02 Call Zoom meeting to order by Larry Bailey Present: Board members xxLarry Bailey, Rhea Miller, Pam Stewart, Ross MacDonald, Clay Smith, Gene Helfman; Staff: Laurie Bullock, David Zapalac, Nikyta Palmisani; SWAP chair Kim Norton; public participant Dan Post

1:05 Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021 Board Meeting. Approved. Staff reports attached in Board Packet.

### 1:10 Status Reports

- Financial Officer's Report (appended) -Laurie: LSWDD was 14.2% above budgeted revenues for May. YTD LSWDD was 19.4% above budgeted revenues. Expenditures were 107.1% over budget for the month of May, 44.9% over budget YTD. If you remove ReMakery expenses – those for which we will receive a reimbursement check from DOE – LSWDD would be 54.6% over budget for May and 26.6% over budget for the year.

Investments: We have \$260,000 in investments.

Cash on hand: At the end of May 2021, LSWDD had \$36,050 in its cash account; \$296,050 total.

**Approve Claims & Payroll:** LSWDD Claims 21019-25 will be distributed for signatures after the meeting. Rhea moved to accept claims. Approved unanimously.

Rhea asked if increased costs would cause any problems by the end of the year. Laurie said that income, including from increased fees, should keep us in the black, but she'll double check projected revenue vs. expenses

- Solid Waste Alternatives Project (SWAP)-Kim. Two workshops scheduled in the Remakery. Sold 25 skirts at Farmer's Market. Dogs of the Dump calendar is at the printer. Hetty Meissner won the Eppenbach scholarship. Remakery rent has been paid for the next few months after the grant ends. SWAP has \$9450 remaining.

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)-David. Did not meet.

### 1:25 Questions from Board concerning Staff Reports

- Facility Manager-David: TIOLI has better on-site internet communications thanks to Bill Clemmons and Opalco. Prices are up, including plastic prices.
- District Manager-Laurie. None.
- Administrator - Monthly Bale-Gary. None.
- Training, Education, and Outreach Coordinator-Nikyta.

### 1:45 Old Business

\* DOE Grant/Remakery- Laurie and Nikyta Over 200 tours given, many to new people who have moved to the island. More than 20 new volunteers recruited through ReMakery/Makers in Residence and Repair Café. DOE final report due July 30th including a professional video and photo showcase of objects created through the program. Expecting 60-90 people at the volunteer appreciation July BBQ July 15<sup>th</sup> 5-8. Info videos on how to use tioli and recycle are almost done.

\* Strategic Planning-Pam and Ross. See attached document in board packet. Larry re MOU. Mark Ingman says it's gone through edits at their end and still waiting for the final version.

\* PFFAP application to SJC/baler shed expansion-Pam/Ross. By end of the week, report will be strengthened due to suggestions from Mark. Cost estimate has been finalized.

\* District Manager recruitment-Larry and Rhea. (Reserve fund discussion deferred until July at the earliest.) Will explore other avenues of advertising (e.g., paper fliers?) and rejuvenate Weekly and LopezRocks listing.

\* Noise Complaint-Larry/David. Resolved.

\* Garbage Rates-Larry/Laurie. Council must approve any increase in tipping fees. County attorney decided a public hearing will be necessary to consider rate increase. June 29<sup>th</sup>, Larry will appear at the Council to present our motion to increase rates, then a hearing will be set, not earlier than July 27<sup>th</sup>, then public notice has to be given, so rates can't increase until Friday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> maybe. So increase delayed 6 weeks at least.

## **New Business**

\* 2021 Levy Discussion and Resolution- Laurie/Larry – see attached resolution. We have to calculate millage rate, with no increase (\$105,000). Rhea thru Bruce Krebs got the millage rate. Rhea moved to accept the resolution for the property tax levy. Approved unanimously. Rhea: sheet to be produced through levy campaign committee which operates through SWAP; Jonathan Dall is go-to person.

Larry: Free piles are increasing around the island at intersections. These are illegal if on County land. Removal is up to county and the practice needs to be discouraged.

**Idea Pot:** none.

**Public Comment / Input.** Dan Post. Questioning why the increase in rates. Answer: Result of increases in staff costs and our tipping fees at Skagit.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS- (RCW 42.30.110(1)g)**

At 2020 Larry announced we would go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues and that the adjoining Public Meeting would resume at 2030. Everyone but Board members were asked to exit Zoom and reconnect at 2030 if they want to. No one said they would reconnect. The meeting was then adjourned, the Executive Session was held and the Public Meeting reconvened at 2040. In attendance at the reconvened Board meeting were the Board members except Clay.

2:40 **End of Executive Session.** Nothing to report; no personnel decisions were made.

2:42: **Adjournment-** Next Regular Board Meeting July 21, 1-3pm via Zoom.