

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes July 26, 2023

Present: Pam Stewart, Ross MacDonald, Rhea. Miller, John Trench; Ric Carr, David Zapalac, Larissa Mansfield, Kat Sorenson, Dan Post

1:00 PM - Board Chair Pam Stewart called the meeting to order

Minutes from June 21, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Admin Reports

District Management—Ric

Finances: LSWDD generated income in June of \$46,162 and incurred expenses of \$40,705, leaving a surplus of \$5,458 for the month. Year to date income was \$282,112 and YTD expenses were \$245,879 for a YTD surplus of \$36,234. June expenses were generally in line with expectations, though fuel and reclamation/disposal fees were understated because of delayed invoicing. LSWDD ended May with \$129,062 in cash and \$260,000 in District Reserves, for a total of \$389,062.

Succession update: Jessica Deckwa has accepted the Facilities Administrative Assistant position, succeeding Gary Lawrence. We continue to recruit for the Site Manager & Operations Assistant position.

Site expansion plans: Following Board review and comment. Site Master Plan amendments have been submitted. County will publicize mid-September. The management committee is prepping for meetings with Council members and County Manager to explore next options.

Inter-local agreement: The management committee is drafting a proposed version of the new Interlocal Operating Agreement for the County's consideration. The committee thought it best not to wait until the County acted on the renewal of the agreement which expires at the end of the year.

Facilities Operations, Monthly Bale & SWAC—David

SWAC did not meet. Next meeting Aug 8

Population growth is impacting operations, esp. parking and volume. Traffic volumes have been very high, especially on days where TIOLI is open for shopping. The week after the fourth of July saw 1016 cars through the upper lot Customer counts in TIOLI are now topping 400 on shopping days. Parking continues to be a problem. The upside to all of the shoppers is that we are moving a tremendous amount of items out of the building, including most of the clothing that has been in storage in the shipping container on the upper lot..

Solid Waste Alternatives Project (SWAP)—Kat

Not a good time to take on Styrofoam recycling. Dogs of the dump calendar is underway. Will include fast facts about “The Dump.” Recruiting new SWAP board members especially for annual levy campaign.

Training, Education, and Outreach—Larissa

Leaving position effective Aug 2, 2023. Has been working with Ric regarding transition. Some new volunteers are being brought on board. Donation day traffic is consistent. Shopping days are drawing more traffic, many of them locals.

Committee Reports

Communications/Publicity

10 year gala is impractical at this point, given Larissa’s departure and so will not occur. It remains important to highlight ten-year anniversary. The Board unanimously approved Rhea’s History flyer for distribution. SWAP will pay for mailer. Draft of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and scoreboard style signage on site are both in process. Larissa was to finalize website -- working with Ric.

Strategic Planning

No update.

Public Comment / Input

Dan Post highlighted importance of efficient low-cost operations.

New Business

Draft Inter-Local Agreement has been distributed and comments to be sent to Ross for any edits.

Garbage rate adjustment proposed to minimum \$10. Key point is site safety pinch points. % of half cans is increasing and majority seem to be brought by people who do not need assistance with lifting or moving their cans. Staff and volunteers are alert to any who need such assistance. County approval needed. Publicity will be important. David and Ric to review LSWDD rate sheets and form recommendations to bring to August Board meeting.

2:30: Adjournment. Next Regular Board Meeting: August 16, 2023, 1-2:30 PM

