

Seeley Lake Refuse District
Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Minutes of 08.25.08 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Mizner-Welch at 7:02 PM. He noted Board members present were Chris Jewett, Jeanne Sticht, and Bruce Bourne; Dusty Brown was absent. A quorum was present to conduct official board business. Visitors Carol Koepcke and Jackie Daniel were also acknowledged.

Second order of business was site report, presented in abbreviated form by site attendant David Spafford, who was filling in for the vacationing site manager, Justin Laconte. It was noted that we had 21 containers of garbage pulled by Allied Waste for 840 yards, billed at \$4908.75. Customer billings and site receipts records were not available due to Justin being on vacation. David reported that we had received the 5 cases of blue bags (recycling bags) purchased at cost from Rovero's, and that all of this supply had quickly been depleted. Our order of blue bags last month from our regular supplier has not as yet arrived, so we are currently totally out of blue bags. Feedback from site customers has been favorable that the district will be supplying blue bags at no further cost to the district residents. Allied Waste just picked up a 40 yard container of recycling materials so the current recycling bin is empty. David also presented that the site is experiencing severe water erosion at the east end of the recycling bay, and requested permission from the board to undertake corrective measures to remedy this situation. Permission was granted pending board review of the proposed remedy.

The third order of business, that being review and correction or approval of minutes of last board meeting, was suspended as no record of minutes was available to the board.

Fourth order of business was introduction of visitors and public comment period. It was noted the board had no correspondence. Carole Koepcke reported on the success of the recycling booth at the weekly Farmer's Market every Sunday. While the actual number of blue bags collected at the market has fallen off slightly, the number of visitors to the booth has remained steady. Many foreign travelers, mostly from Europe, have praised the recycling efforts and have shared what requirements and opportunities they have in their home countries to recycle. Carol also raised a question as to why Seeley residents are required to separate newspapers from other recyclable items in light of an Allied Waste advertisement in the Missoulian stating that all recyclable items could be placed in one bag. Discussion of this followed, and it was noted that the current situation apparently is not a problem nor an issue at this time in Seeley Lake, so no changes will be published to the current practice. It was also pointed out that Missoula's Haz-Mat days for recycling hazardous waste materials is approaching in mid-September, and that this needs to be well advertised in the Seeley Lake area as this is the only opportunity for our residents to dispose of these items properly and safely. Carol will be getting the specifics of this event to Chris Jewett, and the Board authorized a paid advertisement in the local Pathfinder newspaper.

Jackie Daniel, representing the Seeley Lake Community Council, addressed the board as to our participation in the Council's informational website. The goal of this website is to list all the local boards and their jurisdictional functions, as well listing board members and contact information, and having current board minutes and agenda items. The board agreed to provide all the requested information, with Chris Jewett handling the coordination of materials to the Council. It was noted that the Council's website is seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com and that Jackie Daniel can be reached at jdaniel@blackfoot.net

Item five on the agenda was held in abeyance as the board had received no financial report from the county. Likewise, we had no checks or warrants to approve.

Item six, that of "Old Business," dealt with the delivery of our sixth 40 yard container being delivered by Allied Waste; this brings our total bins to 8, with 6 being dedicated to trash, 1 for blue bags and cardboard recycling, and 1 for scrap iron and steel. The second agenda item under this topic was blue bags order, which had been discussed previously. The third item was creation of specific protocols for site closing and dealing with hazardous wastes. The Board directed the site manager to secure appropriate signage for emergency or

unexpected site closing, and also to investigate highway signage for the site. The board noted that we do not accept hazardous waste, and that appropriate disposal efforts are undertaken by Missoula County during their annual "Haz-Mat" days as previously discussed. Board member Jeanne Sticht offered to work on creating written protocols for the site in general and also for the Class 3 site.

Item seven, being that of "New Business," dealt with the site erosion which had been previously discussed during the site report and a solution formulated. The second item of "Old Business" was an update on the status of the blue bags, which also had been discussed previously. Thirdly, the board is willing to entertain bid estimates to remove the large pile of ash, but instructed the site manager to continue to put three bucket scoops of ash in each dumpster as was previously being done. Bruce Bourne reported that he cleaned up the Class III site. He also reported that he attempted unsuccessfully to retrieve the data from the old computer's hard drive which had crashed.

In final business, the Board discussed the current condition of the Class 3 site, and directed the site manager to promptly move ahead with securing access to this site via moving the gate, and adding appropriate fencing and a second gate. It is board policy that all contractor access to the Class 3 site be restricted to accompaniment by a site attendant to insure the cleanliness and appropriateness of yardage dumped, and to insure proper billing.

Next regularly scheduled board meeting to be the fourth Monday in September at 7:00 PM, that being 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted: _____

Mark K. Mizner-Welch
Board Chairman

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