

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 2, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Nathan Pilgreen, Brenda Abercrombie, Ben Bridges and DeWayne Ramsey.
Also present: Richard Phelps, David Dumas and Johnny Buckley.

Mr. Pilgreen called the meeting to order. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer.

Motion made by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the November 4th, 2019.

A discussion was held concerning the purchase of dumpsters. Mr. Phelps has six (6) new dumpsters that are reserved for a new dump site. New dumpsters would cost between \$1,300 and \$1,400 shipped (per dumpster). **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to bid out the purchase of new dumpsters using the specs provided by Richard Phelps. Motion carried unanimously.**

David Dumas discussed the Solid Waste permit renewal status and the milestones that he has prepared for the Landfill. The milestones were presented to the Secretary/Treasurer when the 2020 budget process was initiated. The permit renewal was submitted in December 2018 and was finally reviewed in August of 2019. The first technical review was issued and the jury was given thirty (30) days to reply. The application itself was comprised of three (3) five-inch ring binders. Mr. Dumas asked DEQ for a sixty (60) day extension and DEQ automatically granted the extension. Another submission was made in November of 2019 and now Mr. Dumas is waiting on another technical review. **No action taken.**

David Dumas discussed the potential air permit issue. This issue pertains to the portion that is the old Farmerville landfill. The issue at hand will require a technical response and not a police jury response. Mr. Dumas states that he is keeping up with his time on this issue and billing in a timely fashion. Mr. Bridges questioned who Mr. Dumas is reporting to on this issue. Mr. Dumas replied that he is keeping Richard apprised of any situation that arises. Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Dumas to keep him notified of any situation that might arise. Mr. Dumas informed the committee that it is premature for them to try and reach out to the Department of Environmental Quality. At this point Mr. Dumas said this discussion is for informational purposes only and there is no action the jury needs to take. Mr. Dumas suggested that the Landfill Committee meet at least once a month, if not every two weeks. **No action taken.**

A discussion was held on the re-bidding of the Leachate Collection System. The cleaning of the Leachate system was bid out last year and only one bid was received. There was a

big difference in Mr. Dumas' estimate and the lone bidder. Consequently, the bid was rejected. Leachate is the run-off from the landfill that has to be treated in order to be in compliance with the Department of Environmental quality. Over the years the manholes have had anywhere from a foot of water to thirty feet of water in them. When water gets high in the manhole that means there is a blockage somewhere. Last year there was an issue and JABAR was selected to come in and unblock the trunk line. They were authorized to provide services up to \$150,000. The jury spent \$110,000 on the project but did not complete the project due to rainy conditions. When the conditions were favorable again JABAR only had time left for a week of work before the bid law would have been violated. The jury decided to bid out the project which not only included the cleaning out, but a video inspection. The Leachate system has never been completely cleaned out.

Richard Phelps, Landfill Superintendent, suggested that the whole trunk line cleaning be bid out and it should not be broken down into sections. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to advertise for bids for the cleaning out and video inspection of the Leachate Collection system using the plans and specs previously provided. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding Detention Pond #1 and the pipe connection to Detention Pond #2. Detention Pond #1 is full of willow trees and silt. If the Detention Pond were cleaned out on a regular basis the silt would not be there. The project cost is high because a backhoe or track hoe will not be able to do the cleanout project. There was a discussion regarding dewatering with Geotube versus belt press and which one would be more cost effective. Mr. Dumas volunteered to bid out both processes and the jury could accept the one that is the most cost effective. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to advertise for bids for the cleaning out of Detention Pond #1 and the pipe connection to Detention Pond #2. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding treatment upgrades tendered in answer to a Notice of Deficiencies. Mr. Dumas stated that the treatment with the oxidation pond is limited. The oxidation pond is very deep, has lots of silt in it and has a clay liner. A larger aerator will eventually be needed. The current permit does not allow for disinfecting. The response to the NOD said that we would include more aeration. Mr. Dumas suggests adding another 5 hp direct injection aerator. **No action taken.**

Mr. Dumas discussed the perimeter ditch cleanout. It is comprised of concrete blocks on a geo grid fabric. It lets the contaminated water go both ways. The perimeter ditch needs to be cleaned out before the detention pond cleanout. Mr. Phelps said the perimeter ditch cleanout can be done in house once the weather is dry. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held on dumpster site notifications to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. David Dumas gave an update on the two Notice of Deficiencies. Mr. Dumas provided a copy of the letters to the committee members. The regs have changed and the Department of Environmental quality is expecting the jury to update all of their sites with new registrations. This will entail filling out a new registration form. Shorty Matthews had been working on this prior to his death. There were some issues with

the latitude and longitude that were never resolved. Mr. Dumas stated that he is letting the committee know that this registration process still needs to continue. There is no deadline for this project. If new sites are proposed then those sites need to be registered with the Department of Environmental Quality. The Department of Environmental Quality will have to inspect the site and approve it. The Department of Environmental Quality will also need to be notified when the sites are moved off of the state highways. **No action taken.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Pilgreen declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey and duly seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 2nd day of March, 2020.

**Nathan Pilgreen, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**