

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
4:00 PM**

Present: Nathan Pilgreen, Brenda Abercrombie and Ben Bridges. Absent: DeWayne Ramsey. Also present: Johnny Buckley, L.W. Nolan, Bernie Nolan, Milas Joe Davidson, Carolyn McNight, Jordan Powell and Marybeth Biron.

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

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to approve the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the topography survey performed by Wayland Morgan with Delta Land Surveying. The flyover with the drone was performed the last week in January. In order for Mr. Morgan to calculate the remaining airspace he needs the original baseline data from Mr. Dumas. Mr. Bridges reported that he has asked the Secretary/Treasurer to request the information from Mr. Dumas. Mr. Bridges spoke with DEQ and the information is located within the permit, but it is not in a CAD file where you could just import it. The information would have to be manually entered which would take an extensive amount of time.

Mr. Morgan showed the committee members the survey and explained exactly what they were looking at. The topography survey includes 22 million points. Mr. Morgan says the calculation process is very easy if the original points are supplied. He can input the original information into his system and then input the current survey and the software will simply calculate the remaining airspace. **No action taken.**

Mr. Bridges addressed the committee regarding repair costs for the waste handler. Mr. Bridges received quotes from Riggs Cat and Louisiana Machinery for the D6T. Riggs did a thorough inspection of the machine and said it would cost approximately \$104,267 to repair. Louisiana Machinery did a quick inspection and said it would cost approximately \$65,000 to \$70,000, but did say it would probably cost more than that to repair. Sharpco was another company that was mentioned as a possible repair facility, but the last time Sharpco was used to repair an undercarriage it took an excessive amount of time. It will take approximately twelve (12) to fifteen (15) weeks to repair the waste handler. Mr. Bridges also talked to the committee about purchasing a new waste handler. The cost of a new waste handler would be approximately \$500,000 and it would take approximately five to six months for a new waste handler to be delivered. Mr. Bridges recommended that the current waste handler be taken to Riggs Cat and repaired. Mr. Bridges further recommended that a new waste handler be purchased so that the Landfill will have a backup waste handler.

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to bid out for a D6T with a Waste Handler Package and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to repair the current D6T Waste Handler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Pilgreen addressed the committee regarding the wood waste pile that was previously discussed during the meeting with DEQ. Mr. Pilgreen received a proposal from David Smith to grind the wood waste pile at an hourly rate of \$350 an hour. Mr. Smith will utilize his own equipment and not have to use the Landfill's equipment. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to hire David Smith to chip wood debris at the rate of \$2,800 per day not to exceed a five (5) day period. Motion carried unanimously.**

Carolyn McKnight, a resident of Union Parish, addressed the committee regarding the Trash Guys and the tipping fees that are paid at the Landfill. Mrs. McKnight is requesting that the Landfill Committee reconsider charging the Trash Guys tipping fees. Mrs. McKnight stated that they are providing a much needed service for the parish. Mr. Pilgreen addressed Mrs. McKnight and stated that he was in agreement with giving a discount, but Mr. Powell never came back to the committee with an updated proposal. Mr. Powell was asked to operate his business for thirty (30) days and then come back with a proposal.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported the following tonnage totals for the Trash Guys:

November	10.26 tons
December	12.17 tons
January	9.3 tons
<b>Total Tonnage</b>	<b>31.73</b>

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that as of today \$446.96 has been received from the Trash Guys for dumping/tipping fees.

Mr. Bridges addressed the committee and said that Mr. Powell knew up front what he would be paying in dumping/tipping fees. Mr. Bridges met with Mr. Powell in April of 2020 to discuss a parish-wide pick up service. Mr. Bridges met with Mr. Powell again in October regarding a parish-wide pick up service. At that time Mr. Powell still had not met with the Landfill Committee. Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Powell to come speak to the jury to explain the service before he began the pick up service. Mr. Powell did not make any effort to meet with the jury until November 2, 2020. At the November 2, 2020 Landfill Committee meeting, Mr. Powell was asked to come back to the Landfill Committee in thirty (30) days with a tipping fee proposal. Mr. Powell did not come back.

Mr. Powell addressed the committee and said that he has never bashed the jury and has always been up front with his customers. Mr. Powell has told his customers that if the jury would forgo

the dumping/tipping fees then he would be able to reduce their trash pickup fees by \$2.00 to \$3.00 a month.

Mr. Bridges expressed his concern about how this will affect other contractors who are dumping at the Landfill. Mr. Powell said he is dumping household garbage only and not construction debris. The committee will discuss this further at a later Landfill Committee meeting.

**There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Pilgreen declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie and duly seconded by Mr. Bridges on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.**

Nathan Pilgreen, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer