

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 12th, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

Present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen and L.W. Nolan. Absent: DeWayne Ramsey. Also present: Milas Davidson, Brenda Abercrombie (via Zoom) and Scottie Shreve.

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

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the minutes of the February 28th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There were three (3) proposals received for the manhole cleaning. There are seven (7) manholes that have trash accumulated on the inside and that is hampering the flow.

- Sems, Inc.
\$323,000
- Turner Specialty Services, LLC
\$4,000 per day. Their quote is for \$12,000 so they are estimating a three (3) day job. They will charge an additional \$4,500 to actually inspect seven (7) manholes.
- Badger
\$7,098 a day

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to authorize Turner Specialty Services, Inc. to clean the seven (7) manholes in an amount up to \$12,000 and if necessary, video for an additional \$4,500. The total amount for the manhole cleaning not to exceed \$16,500. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Boy Scout dumpster location. Currently, this is the largest dumpster site in the parish. Mr. Shreve presented several options for manning the site. The site would have a lockable gate and would have specific hours of operation. The site is an issue because it is so close to the Ouachita Parish line. Most of the trash that is dumped there is coming from out of the parish. There was also a discussion concerning a white goods drop off. If the site was manned then water, sewer and electricity would be necessary. An alternative would be to have a port-a-potty. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nolan to table the discussion of a manned site. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding controls over fuel tanks. Tighter controls are necessary in light of the recent fuel theft by Randall "Hunter" Bentz. The Secretary/Treasurer wanted to make sure that whatever fuel is being used then that fuel should be accounted for. There should be a sheet that the drivers sign and write down how much fuel they pumped. That fuel log should tie back to the tank readings. Mrs. Jean will be responsible for the tank readings and making sure the

numbers tie back to the sign in sheet. Mr. Shreve reported that a digital reader had been installed on the fuel tanks. The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to order fuel cards for the following:

- Will Davis
- Gas Can 1 and 2 – cards to be kept in Landfill office. The gas cans will be used for fuel for weed eaters and lawn mowers
- Garbage trucks 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Grapple trucks 1 and 2

The committee decided that garbage trucks and grapple trucks will also use the Bulk Plant for fuel. This will drastically reduce the chance for fuel theft. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the Fourrier & de Abreu Engineers, LLC invoice in the amount of \$350. Mr. Fourrier emailed an invoice in the amount of \$350 for Mr. Bentz's certification. The jury did not approve the certification process. Mr. Shreve said he had already paid for Mr. Bentz's fees associated with the permit. Mr. Shreve stated that he had approved Mr. Fourrier to do the work before the Secretary/Treasurer emailed him and told him that Mr. Bentz was not eligible for operator status. Mr. Shreve said he has no issue with paying the invoice, but he was just doing what he had been told. Mr. Shreve stated that he had been told to get as many operators as possible. Mr. Shreve further stated that he was doing that when he got his hand "slapped" for doing what he was asked to do. The Landfill Committee told Mr. Shreve that they will not pay for Invoice # 1019-1989 and he will be responsible for the invoice. **No action taken.**

A discussion was held regarding the latest deficiency. A Notice of Deficiency was received via email on April 5, 2022. The Union Parish Landfill had an inspection on March 18, 2022. Two violations were reported:

- Exposed waste present on the top and the northern slope of the Type I/II Landfill in an area that had received interim cover.
- No Certified Level A or Level B Operator was present at the Landfill during the investigation.

Mr. Bridges stated that Mr. Davidson was scheduled to go to the convention months ago and then Mr. Shreve scheduled vacation during the time Mr. Davidson was to be out. The Landfill was without an operator for three (3) days. Mr. Shreve stated originally that he and Mr. Davidson were supposed to be at the conference and the jury did not have an issue with that. His daughter had a competition come up on the same days as the convention and he made a choice to go to his daughter's competition.

Mr. Shreve stated that in November an Operator was not on site and the Landfill Committee had no issue. Mr. Shreve further stated that the last NOD the Landfill received did not get brought up in a committee meeting. Mr. Shreve stated that Mr. Davidson, Mr. Bentz and Mr. Echols all became certified on the 18th. Mr. Bentz was on site the day DEQ happened to come out. Mr. Shreve said that it is a coincidence that DEQ showed up on site when he made the choice to go to his daughter's competition. Mr. Shreve said the situation is a "sketchy little deal." Mr. Bridges said it was fairly inconsiderate for Mr. Shreve to schedule a vacation at the same time Mr.

Davidson would be taking his operator certification. Mr. Shreve stated he was only an hour away. Mr. Pilgreen stated that he never wants to have to address NOD #2 again. There should always be a certified operator at the Landfill.

Mr. Shreve stated that the more pressing issue is the lack of interim cover. Until that issue is addressed a response letter can't be written. The NOD response is due within thirty (30) days. In the past, the engineer would draft a response, but the response will be handled within the Landfill office.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Bridges declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 12th day of April, 2022

Ben Bridges, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer