

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 19th, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, Curtis Moses, and Johnny Buckley. Absent: Nathan Pilgreen.
Also present: Brenda Abercrombie, L.W. Nolan, Milas Joe Davidson, Lane Rugg and
Scottie Shreve.

Mr. Nyegaard called the meeting to order. Mr. Buckley led the group in prayer.

Mr. Shreve asked the committee if he could add the discussion of a Batwing Bushhog to the agenda. **Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Buckley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with the following addition:**

Agenda # 6 - Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding the purchase of a Batwing Bushhog.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Moses and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the April 5th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of renting a garbage truck. Mr. Shreve stated that the garbage trucks are continually breaking down. Mr. Shreve presented the committee with a monthly rental quote in the amount of \$6,900 from River City. Mr. Shreve stated that there would be a two week wait time for the garbage trucks. Mr. Shreve further stated that there is no back-up truck at all. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the equipment rental budget for Fund 13 has already been met and is currently over budget. The line item for Equipment Repairs and Maintenance for Fund 13 is at 66.4%. The line item for Equipment Repairs and Maintenance for Fund 19 is at 63.7%.

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that at this time she would rather fix the trucks and not incur any expense for rental. Mrs. Abercrombie stated that she would like to do what we can to get through this year and possibly next year. She would like to see what the laws are for bidding out trash pick-up for the parish. Mrs. Abercrombie further stated that by bidding out the trash pick-up that would eliminate the need for trucks and drivers. The parish would receive no negative feedback when the trash did not get picked up.

No action taken on the renting of garbage trucks.

A discussion was held regarding the repairs to the D250 Off-Road Truck. Mr. Shreve stated that the Landfill has received several write-ups from DEQ for interim cover. Mr. Shreve stated that when a NOD is received for lack of cover he will concentrate on that particular area. He will take a picture and zoom in on that particular area and send that into DEQ. The transmission in the D250 has been out for several months. Mr. Shreve provided an estimate from Louisiana Rents in the amount of \$11,900 for a monthly

rental. That cost does not include delivery. Mr. Shreve also provided three quotes to repair the D250:

Louisiana Cat in the amount of \$43,556.96
Enviro Rentals in the amount of \$55,045.09
Riggs Cat in the amount of \$88,775.00

Mr. Buckley said that our options are to spend \$25,000 to rent or \$80,000 to repair.
Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to rent a D250 Off-Road Truck in an amount up to \$25,000 from Louisiana Rents. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning the purchase of a Batwing Bushhog to mow the slopes. Mr. Shreve said this is one more thing that the Landfill has received several DEQ Notice of Deficiencies about. Mr. Shreve stated that the inmates came out last year and cut all of the trees off of the slopes. Mr. Shreve stated that in order to properly mow the slope a bat wing bushhog is needed. The whole hill and the remaining part of the landfill could be mowed with this.

Mr. Shreve has been to Rayville to look at bushhogs. Mr. Shreve presented a quote from Delta Ridge Implement in Rayville for a used 2020 John Deere R20 Flex Wing in the amount of \$28,500. Mr. Shreve also presented a quote from Goldman Equipment in Farmerville for a new bush hog in the amount of \$36,252.84. This is on state contract and can be delivered in August. Mr. Shreve further stated that he has placed both of these machines on hold pending jury approval to purchase.

Mr. Buckley is concerned about the safety issue trying to mow the steep slopes with a Batwing Bushhog. Mr. Buckley wanted to know if inmate labor would be an option. The inmates could weed the whole hill and the remaining part of the landfill could be mowed with this. Mr. Buckley said there has been too much money spent and the budget is maxed out for equipment. Mr. Shreve stated that the bushhog, dozier and excavator were included in the budget for 2022. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the bushhog was **not** in the budget for 2022. Mr. Shreve stated that this is something that should have been done for years and it has not been done. Mr. Buckley suggested waiting until the next round of ARPA funds are received. **No action taken.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Moses and duly seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 19th day of May, 2022.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer