

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 4th, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Ben Bridges, A.J. Ford, Johnny Buckley and DeWayne Ramsey.
Absent: None.

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

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

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the minutes of the March 7th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding GPS equipment for the Landfill. Buddy Proctor with SiTech presented a proposal on GPS equipment for the Landfill in January of 2022. Mr. Bridges requested that Mr. Proctor address the Landfill Committee again regarding compaction issues. Mr. Bridges stated that he became concerned when Mr. Fourrier (Landfill Engineer) concluded that the Union Parish Sanitary Landfill had lost four (4) years of cell life due to compaction rates. Mr. Proctor described how the compaction rates affect the life of a landfill. The cost of the equipment over a five (5) year span would be \$50,000 annually. The equipment operators would be able to see the elevation changes while using the GPS equipment. The operator could have reports sent to his supervisor. The supervisor could monitor the information from a computer.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to lease software and equipment with GPS capabilities from SiTech pending legal approval. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the compactor bids received in March. Louisiana Cat submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,540,113.55 and Lyle Machinery (Tana) submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,179,320.00. The Public Works Director, Landfill Superintendent and the Assistant Landfill Superintendent submitted a recommendation to purchase the Tana H555 ECO Landfill Compactor. All three stated that it will save money on fuel cost and time while compacting the trash in a much-leveled work space.

Mr. Bridges would like to get an opinion from Jon Fourrier, Landfill Engineer, regarding the Tana machine and the direction the jury should go in. The availability on the Caterpillar is six to nine months and the availability on the Tana machine is six months. Mr. Bridges is concerned with the following:

- Compaction rate
- Potential service issues with Tana
- What if Lyle decides not to sell Tana anymore
- Changing distributors
- Tana machine with a Cummings motor – who holds the warranty

- Longevity on machine

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to table the compactor discussion until the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Town of Farmerville/Leachate Update – Mr. Bridges, Jon Fourrier, Bob Myers and the Public Works Director met on March 22 regarding the TOF Leachate project. According to Mr. Myers, it will be June or July before the town will have Lift Station 10 repaired. The earliest the tie-in work to the sewer could begin would be September. As of right now it would be late summer or early fall before contracts, plans and specs would be ready to begin the actual work. Mr. Myers would like for the TOF's Lift Station 10 repairs to be completed before the parish begins their work.

Pole Barn Update – The Landfill Pole Barn should be completed next week weather permitting. The tire machine is in and the electrical work is progressing.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Public Works Director to pursue the best option to repair the dozier in an amount up to \$90,000. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.
George Cothran addressed the committee regarding the Landfill Assurance Trust Account.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Bridges declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley and duly seconded by Mr. Ramsey on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

Ben Bridges, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer