

Blue Hills Environmental Association, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

In Attendance:

Paul Ramsey
Delwin Wengert
Robert Mackenzie
Steve West – Conference call

Tami Ryall
James Nelson
Ferrin Crosby
Ray Davis

Item #1 - Welcome

Paul Ramsey welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. on April 12, 2016.

Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Delwin Wengert made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2015, and March 16, 2015, board meetings. Robert Mackenzie seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #3 – Election of Officers

Paul asked if anyone had motions. Delwin moved that the officers remain the same. Robert seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Paul is the President, Delwin is the Vice President, and James Nelson is the Secretary

Item #4 – Managers Report

Paul turned the time over to Ray. Ray reported that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality had come up over the last year and the landfill and transfer sites inspections went well. Blue Hills Environmental received no *Notice of Violations* or *Notice of Corrections*. Ray reported the scale and scale house are up and running. The transition went well and as of now, no problems exist with the set-up. Ray reported that the front load conversion is going smooth. Blue Hills Environmental has swapped out Nutriosos, Alpine, Eagar and Springerville. Blue Hills Environmental has purchased a 2015 and a 2008 front load truck as well as the containers. Blue Hills Environmental was able to pay cash for those purchases. Ray Reported that he is looking for bear proof lids so Greer can be changed over. Blue Hills Environmental has opened accounts with National Bank and will leave some accounts open with Bank of the West. Ray talked about options with a side load truck and informing the board of how much a new side load costs. No questions and no motions needed.

Item #5 – Discussion of Vehicle Upgrades

Ray reported that his pickup was due to be upgraded and the 1997 Ford pump truck. His is a 2006 with 200,000 miles and the pump truck is turning into a money pit. Ray did not bring bids for his pickup. Last time the board set a limit and Ray shopped around until he found one for the price the board had set. Ray had a bid of \$45,000 for the pump truck. Ray stated he could look around for a better deal. Delwin made a motion to give Ray approval for his pickup the amount of \$40,000 or less and set a limit of \$45,000 for the pump truck. Steve asked if the new pump truck would be 4-wheel drive. Ray stated it would be so Blue Hills Environmental may not need to be pulled out as often. Steve seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #6 – Discussion of Clean-Up Dates

Ray stated some clean-up dates were coming up soon. The Cedar Hills area will be on April 19, 2016. Springerville and Eagar will be held on May 14, 2016. St. Johns will be held around the same time. Nutrioso and Alpine will be in September. No motion needed.

Item #7 – Discussion of Equipment

Ray reported that Blue Hills Environmental was coming to the end of its loan on the 2011 963 Track Loader. Blue Hills Environmental has a balloon payment of \$60,000 due in July, so Blue Hills Environmental has two options. 1) It can pay off the balloon payment or 2) it can sell the 963 back to Cat for \$89,000 and purchase a new one for \$346,000. Ray reported that the first loader Blue Hills Environmental owned lasted for 15 years with a second life. The second life was not a good option; however, we can use this loader for another 5 years or so and readdress the issue at that time. Ferrin asked if after the balloon payment is made, if Blue Hills Environmental will own the loader. Ray responded yes. Paul asked what the next major purchase Blue Hills Environmental needs to plan for. Ray stated either a new side load truck or possibly replace the 1987 D8 Dozer. Ray stated that at the present time, Blue Hills Environmental has two loans. One on the loader, which will be done in July and the second on the new Cat truck, which was purchased about a year and a half ago. Ray stated at the present, nothing big has to be purchased but would like to stay proactive and upgrade when possible. Paul asked about the compactor and how it is holding up. Ray reported that it is doing ok, parts are getting tough to find, but it is holding up. Ray reported he could find used compactors quite easily. He also reported the side loads take quite a lot of abuse and suggested we revisit the issue in 3-6 months. No vote or motion needed.

Item #8 – Discussion of Salaries

Ray asked what the cities and county are doing as far as raises this year. The county and Springerville will probably remain the same. Eagar is not sure. Ray responded he would put a 2-3% raise in the budget and see how that fits in. Delwin talked about Ray's salary and recommended that it stay the same as last year. Ray reported that he would put numbers together for Blue Hills Environmental employees as well as a budget for the

next board meeting. Delwin stated that he appreciates Blue Hills Environmental and the good job everyone does. Delwin made a motion to keep Ray at the same salary as last year and proceed with numbers for the new budget. Tami seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #9

Paul asked for the next date for a Blue Hills Environmental Board Meeting. Ray stated July was very busy and asked if it is okay to change to June. There was a discussion of September, but with the budget, everyone agreed to June 20, 2016, at 7:00 a.m. in the County Managers Conference Room.

Item #10

Adjournment – Robert made a motion to adjourn. James seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.