

Blue Hills Environmental Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023

In Attendance:

Nelson Davis
Ryan Patterson
Paul Ramsey
Brannon Eagar
Brandon Slade
Ray Davis

Conference Call:

Tim Rasmussen

Item #1 - Welcome

Paul Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Paul Ramsey asked if there were any questions for the minutes dated July 21st, 2021. No questions were asked. Ryan Patterson asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Brandon Slade seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #3 – Discussion and Approval of Election Officers

Paul Ramsey asked who the current officers are. Ray Davis stated Paul Ramsey is the President, Robert Mackenzie Vice President, Spence Udall Secretary. Ryan Patterson made a motion that Paul Ramsey remain President, Brannon Eagar as Vice President and Tim Rasmussen as secretary. Nelson Davis seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #4 – Manager’s Report

Paul Ramsey asked Ray Davis for the manager’s report. Ray Davis stated that ADEQ had been up during the summer for annual inspections. The transfer sites and the landfill were all in good shape and there were no issues. Ray Davis reported that residential numbers are holding steady with a slight decrease because of winter. Ray Davis discussed that commercial accounts are increasing slightly, opened up in the Vernon and Concho areas for front load. Blue Hills Environmental is progressing over there. Ray Davis discussed landfill equipment. The cost to replace the loader is up to \$450,000 or a rebuilt one is \$415,000. The scraper payment is \$125,000 per year. Ray Davis mentioned as everyone knows labor, parts and equipment have increased. Front load and side load trucks are running \$400,000 on average. Paul Ramsey asked how the landfill wells and testing have been going. Ray Davis reported testing is going well, having to follow different procedures for ADEQ but no issues. Nelson Davis asked on the loader what the time frame is for getting a new one if needed. Ray Davis stated he would find out before the

next meeting. Brannon Eagar asked about a lease program for equipment. Ray Davis will ask Empire about any programs that may be available. Nelson Davis stated he knows there is an hourly limit per year on the machine if leased.

Item #5 – Discussion and Approval of rate & fees increases

Ray Davis reported that the landfill and transfer sites have not had an increase in over 20 years. Ray Davis stated he felt it was time to increase tipping fees based on the increase on everything else as mentioned. Ray Davis discussed prices throughout the area, Blue Hills Environmental is lower than anyone else. Ray Davis stated that \$60.00 per ton helps offset the added prices of equipment and operating cost. The discussion was to go to \$60.00 per ton with the transfer sites going to the same based on cubic yards. Brannon Eagar discussed transfer site fees and commercial accounts. Ray Davis stated commercial builders with trailers should be charged more based on volume and clean up.

Conversation was had, \$7-\$8 per cubic yard for residential and \$10.00 per cubic yard for commercial trailers. Nelson Davis asked if there has been an increase at transfer sites. Ray Davis made a statement on green waste in Vernon. Ray Davis felt like he had to raise rates on green waste in Vernon. Blue Hills Environmental are getting some commercial haulers in that are eating into the room of the green waste pit. Ray Davis stated he went to \$10.00 per cubic yard and realized it was too much and was affecting local home owners. Blue Hills Environmental will reduce it to \$5.00 per cubic yard. Ray Davis stated the next issue on rate increase for residential and commercial accounts. Ray Davis made a statement on senior citizen accounts. How can Blue Hills Environmental continue to offer discounts and still cover costs. Brannon Eagar discussed seasonal accounts, what is the best way to handle them and install reinstatement fees. Ray Davis stated if fees can be set for the landfill, transfer sites and residential, he will be able to set for commercial and roll-offs. Ray Davis asked about a fee for using credit and debit cards, the county charges. There was a discussion about yes there needs to be a fee associated. Ryan Patterson made the motion to set new fees and rates, \$60.00 per ton for locations with a scale, \$8.00 per cubic yard for household trash and \$10.00 per cubic yard for construction debris. Residential will increase to \$25.00 per month for standard accounts and \$17.50 per month for senior citizens. Green waste will be set for Vernon transfer site at \$5.00 per cubic yard. Blue Hills Environmental will charge a fee for credit card usage. Ray Davis will set fees accordingly for commercial and roll-off accounts. Brannon Eagar seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Item #6 – Next Board Meeting

Paul Ramsey asked for the next meeting. Ray Davis suggested January 10, 2024, everyone agreed. Paul Ramsey announced the next meeting will be January 10, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

Item #8 – Adjournment

Paul Ramsey asked for a motion to adjourn. Brannon Eagar made a motion to adjourn, Nelson Davis seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.