# **MINUTES**

# Floyd County Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors January 17, 2023

# Call to Order/Roll Call (Brad Striegel)

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

#### Present:

Brad Striegel, John Schellenberger, Tim Kamer, Al Knable, Adam Dickey

#### Absent:

Ben Stocksdale, Jeff Gahan

#### Attending:

Rick Fox, County Attorney

Beverly Watkins, Administrative Assistant

# **Election of Officers**

Mr. Striegel called for a motion regarding board officers. Mr. Dickey moved to maintain Mr. Striegel as board president and Mr. Schellenberger as board vice president. Dr. Knable seconded. Motion carried.

# **Approval of December 19 Minutes**

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the December 19 Minutes. Mr. Kamer moved to approve. Mr. Dickey seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of the January 17 Claims**

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the January Claims. Mr. Schellenberger moved to approve. Mr. Kamer seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Directors Report**

# **Marketing & Communications**

#### Website

Mr. Stewart summarized website traffic and outlined the website analytics summary:

- Page 1 is a general site overview
- O Page 2 outlines how users get to the site (most referrals come from the county website)
- Page 3 refers to user engagement/what they do on the site

# Key takeaways were:

- 707 users; 685 new
- Referrals mainly from county government site
- Page views
  - Locations (527)
  - Materials (297)

Dr. Knable asked what date recyclefc.com went live (August 19). Mr. Kamer asked about search engine optimization (SEO) given organic search results are low. Ideology\_reported they had instituted the best SEO practices prior to launching the site and according to Google PageInsights, those are scoring 100%.

# **Cause-Related Marketing**

Mr. Stewart first introduced WaterStep in December. WaterStep is a non-profit that funds safe drinking projects worldwide by collecting donated shoes as a strategy to reduce the landfill disposal of unwanted shoes. Specific recommendations and details will be presented at the February 21 board meeting with Waterstep's Ron McKulick in attendance.

### **Staffing Update**

- Headcount (excluding TSS) @ 13
- o 1 on extended vacation
- o 1 on medical leave
- New hire pending (David Coe)

# **Budget/Financial**

- 2022 TRUE UP FINAL (Attached)
  - 7 items adjustment requested and approved for the true-ups
  - Overall, 2022 budget of \$394,686 was underspent by \$6,076.96
- FINAL BUDGET (Attached)
  - Corrugated Market (\$15,340 earned in 2022; rebate was \$75/ton in 1/22; now is zero; rebound no sooner than Spring April-May)
  - CAGIT (\$1313.75 drops to \$1263.00)
  - Will review spending trends after each quarter

#### **Operations/Initiatives**

# IDEM Community Recycling Grants Program (CRGP)

We were advised just before Christmas that our application was not successful. No explanation was given. The request was for \$70,595 which included a new Pro-Tilt trailer, a new Roll-On trailer, and funds to support a major marketing program. The idea was to initiate service in targeted neighborhoods and to test on-site collection in a multi-family development. The District would have been accountable for 25% of the project total (\$17,648.75). I'll try to better understand why our application was rejected.

#### **Baptist Floyd Opportunity**

An operations manager for Baptist Health (Charlie Stillings) and site leader for Baptist Floyd (Lamont Reid) reached out to explore recycling options for the facility. We met via Zoom on

12/13. There appears to be a significant amount of plastic and corrugated. They have a bailer but it's too slow. They pay \$155-\$175 per trash pick-up. Perhaps an opportunity for us. I visit Baptist Floyd on Thursday morning 1/19.

# **Dashboard Highlights (See Attached)**

# **2023 Operational Goals**

- Expand service/build volume
- Building the Brand
  - Stronger Marketing
  - o Social Media/Online
  - Seasonal Outreach/Ads
    - Spring
    - Summer
    - Fall
- ID New Funding Opportunities
- Capital Equipment Review (truck/trailers)
  - Truck (Legacy Foundation)

### **Public Input**

No public in attendance

#### Adjournment

Dr. Knable offered the motion to adjourn at 5:20pm; Mr. Schellenberger seconded.

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Brad Striegel, President

Al Knable, Member

Tim Kamer, Member

Scott Stewart, D)rector

John Schellenberger, Vice President

Adam Dickey, Member