

**MINUTES**  
**Floyd County Solid Waste District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 26, 2023**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Brad Striegel

**Present**

Brad Striegel, John Schellenberger, Brandon Hopf, Al Knable, Adam Dickey, Jason Sharpe

**Absent**

Jeff Gahan

**Attending**

Rick Fox (County Attorney), David Watson (Operations Manager), Scott Stewart (Director)

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Striegel called for a motion regarding the April 18 meeting minutes. Mr. Dickey moved to approve the April 18 minutes as submitted. Mr. Schellenberger seconded. Jason Sharp abstained from voting as he was not present at the last meeting. All approved. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to formally approve the May register of claims (which was provisionally approved electronically in May) as submitted. Mr. Schellenberger moved to approve the May register of claims. Mr. Dickey seconded. Jason Sharp abstained from voting. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the June register of claims as submitted. Mr. Schellenberger moved to approve the June register of claims. Mr. Hopf seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

**Director's Report**

- **Marketing & Communications**
  - Mr. Stewart provided copies of the 2022 Annual Report to the board.
  - Website Analytics: May traffic has increased from February. In February we had 532 users and 509 new users. In May, we have 732 users and 704 new users.
- **Staffing Update**
  - We currently have 13 part time operators (including transporters), one part time administrative assistant, and one full time operations manager.
  - In July, Lee Steiner will retire. In August, Dorothy Lee will retire.
  - Director considering if these two positions should be replaced/backfilled.
- **Budget/Financial**
  - June budget report straight-forward.
  - Preliminary 2024 Operations/Capital budget submitted to county operations.
    - Operations budget remains essentially flat (includes a .008% increase), with the exception of \$50,000 for use as a match for IDEM grant programs.
  - 2024 Capital budget includes:
    - \$50,000 for a new truck

▪ Current Equipment Needs

- We have one dump truck that is no longer usable. We plan on selling it.
- We plan on replacing it immediately with a 1-ton truck (no CDL required).
- We would apply the proceeds from the sale of the dump truck to the purchase of a new truck.
- Our only trailer is nearing the end of its useful life. We actually need two of these trailers with a box. This would enable us to extend our service to Georgetown or Edwardsville or to a specific neighborhood as part of a test project.
- We would apply the \$5,000 grant from the Caesars Foundation towards this purchase.
- The fork lift is also nearing the end of its useful life. We have priced a used one for approximately \$15,000.

- Mr. Stewart will propose the immediate purchase of the truck, trailer/box, and forklift from reserves at the 7/18 meeting.

▪ Current Property Needs

- As we continue to explore a partnership with Baptist Floyd, we are seeking a donation of their **Baler** to increase earned revenue from corrugated boxes. If successful, we will need a building to house it. The building should also include a restroom with running water for our employees. We are developing recommendations for annex enhancements near-term, and with John Schellenberger's and Adam Dickey's help, exploring options for a future site to replace the North Annex.
- The board requested a plan proposal by end of first Quarter 2024 to include capital budget, proposed location and building information. The Director will aim to move faster.

○ OPERATIONS/INITIATIVES

- Dashboard-May/June: provided in packet without comment.
- Grant Applications
  - The Caesars Foundation granted \$5,000 out of the \$21,000 we requested for a new trailer.
  - The Legacy Foundation awarded us nothing. We requested \$120,737 for one truck, one roll-off trailer & box, and one fork lift. The committee apparently didn't accept the idea that a culture committed to recycling and sustainability contributes to the quality of life for our community.
  - IDEM Recycling Market Development Program Grant- we submitted a grant application on 6/21 requesting \$100,300 to cover a trailer + box, and a pro-tilt trailer. This application also includes a marketing effort in conjunction with Idealogy and Indiana University Southeast. Allen Howie, Idealogy principal, has offered a \$10,000 pro-bono contribution of services to our marketing/communications plan.
  - This will be a 50/50 match grant if awarded. We will be notified in October.
  - We expect IDEM will re-open its Community Recycling Grant Program grant this fall.
- We continue to discuss a potential partnership with Baptist Health Floyd for their cardboard and plastics recycling. We expect to have a follow up meeting in the coming days. If successful, Mr. Stewart will bring a draft MOU to the board on 7/18 for its approval. Again, we hope to

obtain a baler from Baptist Floyd via this partnership. Baled cardboard brings \$35/ton vs. \$5/ton for unbaled.

- While planning for the IDEM grant submission, Mr. Stewart met with professor Uric Dufrene at IUS regarding our program. Dr. Dufrene believes IUS could offer business students to assist with our marketing efforts. He also offered to help assess volume and traffic trends.
- Mr. Dickey and Mr. Schellenberger reminded Mr. Stewart about the subcommittee they had formed to discuss the site planning and they are still willing to help.

○ **2023 Board Meeting Schedule**

- JULY 18, SEPTEMBER 19 and NOVEMBER 21

**Public Input- None**

**Adjournment**

At Mr. Striegel's request, Mr. Knable moved to adjourn at 4:59 p.m., Mr. Dickey seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: JULY 18 @ 4:30PM**

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Approval of June 26, 2023 Minutes, Solid Waste District Board of Directors Meeting:

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Brad Striegel, President

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John Schellenberger, Vice President

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Al Knable, Member

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Adam Dickey, Member

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Jason Sharp, Member

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Brandon Hopf, Member

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Attest: Scott Stewart, Director