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Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee Zoom Meeting

November 2, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Sonja Culler - present

Layla Ward - present

Nancy Brown - present

Gary Bailey - present

Mark Tester - present

Mark Blevins - present

Jerry Proffitt - present

Kelly Collins - present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Bailey at 6:00pm. Roll call shows all members present.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. All in favor. Motion unanimously passed.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 2020 meeting was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. All in favor, motion unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

Plastic Recycle

Chairman Bailey stated that after his visit to the recycle center he can say that the county is making money recycling cardboard. Asked Director Lyons to explain the situation. Mr. Lyons stated that the recycle center is still not taking plastic at this time. The abundance of cardboard is taking up all the available space. Chairman Bailey wants to go to the Building & Grounds Committee to see if they have an update on the bids for a new building at the center. Mark Blevins asked Mr. Lyons to give a rundown on the new baler. Mr. Lyons stated that he was waiting for the company to give him a location to go see one of their balers, to see it running and see what kind of space is needed for its operation. He also has another company working on a quote. He is still looking for options. Mr. Blevins asked Mr. Lyons if anyone could go with him when he went to see the new baler. Mr. Lyons stated that he would love to have anyone who would like to go and will let them know when.

Kelly Collins asked Mr. Lyons when the recycle centers would be opened. Mr. Lyons informed the committee that they opened today and would stay open if people don't bring in things that were not being accepted right now. The only things being taken now are cardboard, metal, aluminum cans and mixed paper.

Chairman Bailey informed the committee that he had received the report from Mr. Lyons breaking down what was brought into the landfill.

October = \$119,823.95. Mr. Lyons stated that some of that money has been billed but has yet to be collected.

Cardboard = \$995.76. Chairman Bailey stated that after seeing the amount of cardboard that is stacked at the recycle center, he believes that with a new baler Mr. Lyons can do twice as much as he has been able to do.

He has done in October, 284,336 lb. at \$70 Per ton.

Mark Blevins asked about the household waste.

Mr. Lyons quoted the following:

City of Elizabethton – 910 tons

Household 2 – 373 tons

Household – 105 tons

There are several categories listed on the report.

Mr. Blevins asked if a copy of the report could be put in the November Commissioner packets.

Mr. Lyons stated that the report will be presented each month.

VI. Directors Report

Mr. Lyons reported that the recycle centers were open as of today.

He also got an email from the state about having a Household Hazardous Waste collection day in the spring. He will report to the committee when he has a date.

Chairman Bailey asked Mr. Lyons that if he found out anything else about the baler or got another quote to please let him know. Mr. Lyons stated that he would keep him posted.

VII. Commissioner Comments

Mark Tester thanked Mr. Lyons for all the hard work he does and for the report he presented to the committee. Mark Blevins and Nancy Brown joined Mr. Tester in their appreciation of the work Mr. Lyons does.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe