

Minutes for

March 2018

White River Alliance

Solid Waste Board

March 14, 2018

Those in attendance: Jenn Bartleman, Moe Brigham, Robert Young, Joshua Powers, Chet Brown, Sandy Conrad

Absent Grace Adams

Call to Order 7:02 pm

Minutes for February 14, 2018 Motion by Sandy Conrad to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Moe Brigham. Minutes approved by vote.

Discussion on meeting minutes & agendas not getting to some people.

Election of Officers Rotate Chair from Bethel to Royalton. Group decided that Chair and Vice Chair do not need to represent different towns (both may be from Bethel or Royalton). Group agreement that Megan will act as "clerk".

Motion by Moe Brigham to nominate Robert Young as Solid Waste Board Chair. Seconded by Joshua Powers. Approved by vote.

Motion by Joshua Powers to nominate Sandy Conrad as Solid Waste Board Vice Chair. Motion by Moe Brigham to nominate Jenn Bartleman as Solid Waste Board Vice Chair. Not enough voting members to second, Chairman flips coin to break the tie. Sandy Conrad selected Vice Chair.

Website maintenance Transfer station has new, independent website. Website has a maintenance fee of \$20/month. Powers requested a link to be sent out. Website link: <http://www.whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org/>

Question on effectiveness of website (how many people in Royalton/Bethel use computers for information?). Discussion on tracking web page hits.

Financials Budget status was discussed. Brown explained variance between budgeted and actual costs for transfer station. Positive surplus for the fiscal year this far

List of debtors that Jenn Bartleman requested was presented and overviewed. Brown explained an overall reduction in debt numbers. Outstanding debts have been turned over to lawyer, who

will handle all invoices. Debtors will not be relieved of debt, but debt numbers will be removed from account as lawyer continues to collect on it. Debtors will be charged 1.5% interest.

Transfer station did not qualify for food digester grant. Several new grants were studied however; project minimums for grant money is set at \$50,000 and awarded grant money required matching funds.

Other Business

Hazardous Waste Grant Transfer Station was awarded \$12,635 with a hazardous waste grant for 2018 from the State. Money goes towards hazardous waste costs under “other” on budget report. Money will be received after three events, two in Bethel (June and October), one in Rochester(September).

Certificate of Public Good State sent response to the filing for a certificate of public good, mentioned in the plans for a solar project State requests a No Exposure Certification to be filed. Copies will be sent to Royalton and Bethel town offices to be signed.

Billing/Cash Office Hiring for a part-time person to work a combination of the floor and cash office is in effect. Applications are publicly available. An ad will run once more in Randolph newspaper.

Other Tomorrow (3/15) is the second Vermont Solid Waste District Managers Association meeting in Berlin. Managers discuss the future of relevant state laws with State Senators.

Jenn Bartleman moved to adjourn. Moe Brigham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.