

Custer County
Commissioner Special Meeting

April 18, 2022

The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Commissioner Vice Chairman Randy Corgatelli, with Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Attending via phone connection was Commissioner Chairman Wayne Butts.

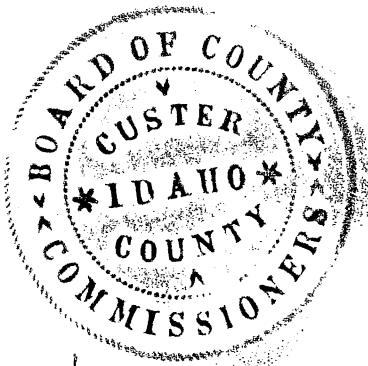
Wendell Gohn, owner and operator of Blue Mountain Refuse updated the Board on his situation at the Stanley solid waste site. Inflation of all the costs involved and the difficulty of finding and keeping employees has created a big problem. He presented a letter of Notice of Cancellation for the Stanley Solid Waste Site. He doesn't feel there has been a breach of contract to date, and wants to come to a peaceful resolution within the allowed year. He has plans to let his upriver contracts go to someone else and only serve the Salmon River area up to and including the Yankee Fork area in the future. The Board discussed the many problems involved including employee retention, fuel prices and general inflation. Clear Creek Refuse from the Ketchum area also services the Stanley area. Commissioner Smith inquired about the financial numbers for the Stanley site. Wendell didn't have the figures readily available. Commissioner Butts brought up the possibility of hauling much larger compacted loads per trip? Currently the County is paying \$14,351.56 per year for the Stanley site and it is not covering the costs involved. Commissioner Butts also asked Wendell to provide actual financial numbers for what is needed. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about how often the dumpsters in Stanley need to be emptied. Wendell responded that during the summer it is once a week, winter time it is every two weeks. The Stanley site building currently has space for 7 dumpsters, and all household garbage is required to be contained in a building within the SNRA. Bears are regular visitors and would be a big problem for outside containers. The county solid waste site property (3 acres) is through a lease with the SNRA, and we would never find a better land cost situation in that area. Site operation is Wendell's largest expense; ie: getting his staff to the site and keeping it open on Saturdays. Wendell would still be able to transport the loads on down to the Challis transfer site but cannot continue manning the site on Saturdays. Widening the existing building by 10' would make the site much more manageable, providing additional dumpster space. Commissioner Butts reminded the Board that there is a State Statute that requires counties to take care of the garbage. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested a "Stanley Solid Waste meeting" be held with all those involved. Commissioner Smith brought up the possibility of a fuel surcharge that is addressed in section 4 of the contract, but it doesn't include wages, parts, tires or other increasing costs. He is currently paying a \$50 per ton tipping fee at the Salmon solid waste site. The meeting was tentatively set up for Wednesday, May 9th with invitations going out to the SNRA, City of Stanley and Blue Mountain Refuse. Wendell agreed to check into the cost of a 20' roll off tub for possible improvements.

Lucas Yockey attended the meeting and informed the Board that the Big Lost River Irrigation District has applied for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and has been rejected as their entity name is not on the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. He learned that the grant application needs to be submitted by Custer County. He understands that Custer County has also applied for a BRIC Grant on the same project. The county will only be awarded one of the grants if successful, not both. The application is in the FEMA System and he needs to change the entity to Custer County, and the primary contact to Clerk Lura Baker before re-submitting the application. Chairman Butts inquired about the 10% match requirement and how Custer County taxpayers can be protected. Lucas understands that Lost River Irrigation Dist. has signed a letter of responsibility for the 10% match amount in the past and will do so again. Clerk Lura Baker and Water Master Lucas Yockey will review the application and make all needed changes before re-submitting the application. The grant total is \$7.8 million. Lucas has contacted INL for help and they are willing to assist. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the PDM Grant application be sent in by Custer County with County Clerk Lura Baker as the contact person, pending the BLRID letter of responsibility for the 10% matching funds. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Smith/aye, Corgatelli/aye, Butts/aye. Motion passed. Lucas thanked the Board and will be working with Lura to get the changes completed. Board members agreed that the need for a viable Homeland Security office is immediate. The Board will be reviewing the job description for the Disaster Coordinator, as well as the budget figures and adjusting where necessary.

Commissioner Butts has been in contact with American Stewards of Liberty, Margaret Byfield about a letter of support from Custer County for the opposition to the 30 x 30 Land Grab. When he receives the needed information, he will be getting back to the Board.

The next Special Meeting was set for 8:30 AM on Wednesday, April 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Randy Corgatelli
Randy Corgatelli, Vice Chairman
Custer County Commissioner