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December 21, 2023

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Board Members & Alternates Present:

Diana Hauser (Unity)	Michael Berry (Thorndike)
Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)	Eleanor MacMackin (Freedom-ALT)
Beth Soucie (Unity)	Kip Penney (Knox)
Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)	Paige Ziegler (Montville)
Robert Hogg (Troy)	Ross Nason (Dixmont)
Don Pendleton (Dixmont-ALT)	Greg Falzetta (Thorndike-ALT)
Leigh Juskevice (Manager)	
3. Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Jeri Roberts (Jackson-ALT)	Sharon Hibbard (Montville-Alt)
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4. Agenda Adjustments:

none at this time
5. Approve October 19, 2023 Minutes:

a Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved  
(the November Board Meeting did not take place as there was no quorum. So the October Board Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2023 were never approved.)  
The October Board Meeting Minutes were approved this evening.
6. Manager's Report:

A shipment of 19 bales of #2 plastic was collected on Tuesday, Nov 14. We also shipped a load of 15 bales of mixed paper and 17 bales of OCC and 6 boxes of bulbs. Last week we shipped 13 bales of mixed paper and 25 bales of OCC. We have a tentative plan to ship plastic film in January. It will cost us \$30-\$40 ton, but we can offset that by shipping some #2 plastic. We haven't shipped any film in years, so this is the best deal we're going to get. Mike hauled 5 bales of steel/tin/aluminum and 2 fridges to AIM in Oakland in November. We had freon removed from 42 appliances in early December and Mike hauled 2 loads last week.

Casey has been training on the forklift and moving bales.

Baler 3 - the plastic baler, was down for just over a week. J. locked it out and we had an electrician come reset it.

We had over 500 customers in November and so far this December we are at 296.

We purchased a barrel dumper that fits on the forklift to handle barrels of crushed glass. I located local golf courses about using the cullet in their sand traps and have sent 3 samples. We've had several customers stop in to get buckets of glass sand in response to the FaceBook post.

We will be open on Tuesdays again starting January 2nd.

Discussions:

Don spoke of the agricultural plastics and films.

Discussed looking into films - whether to take or not. Are they worth it?

A committee was formed - Don, Greg & Eleanor to look into disposal options & cost & resident response and messaging.

7. File/Policy Update:

a work in progress. Going well.

8. Budget:

Budget handouts/spreadsheets.

Lines showed line item budget amounts from 2016-17 to 2023-24

Discussion included questions about rubbish removal and contingencies.

One line item that has been reduced considerably is Electric - due to the solar panels.

Discussion of wage increases. Go up to 15 increase in wages now and then stay on a more even plane in the future with COLAs for next several years.

an amendment to the budget added \$2,000 as contingency funds.

Total budget is \$159,538.00

9. Budget Approval:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to accept this 2023-2024 Budget

10. Wrap Up & Assignments:

Plastic Film 'Think Tank' Committee (Don, Greg & Eleanor) a 3 month research schedule

11. Adjournment:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

12. Minutes Submitted:

Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary