

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
July 8, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the District Office, 158 Morse Drive in Georgia, VT.

Board Chair Dave Clark called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Supervisors Present

Dave Clark, Fletcher	Paul Lambert, Georgia
Joyce Tuck, Isle la Motte	Barry Kade, Montgomery
Jim Tomlinson, Richford	Bill Cioffi, St. Albans City
Dave Supernault, Sheldon	Bill Rowe, So. Hero
Chris Leach, Swanton	

Supervisors Absent

Gary Lockerby, Alburgh	Jim Lintereur, Bakersfield
Berkshire, vacant	Pierre Letourneau, Enosburg
Fairfield, vacant	Grand Isle, vacant
Dave Jacobs, No. Hero	

Others Present

Mike Ewell, Executive Director	Jess Moses, Business Manager
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Members of the Public

None

1. **VOTE:** Minutes Board Meeting of June 10, 2009. **Bill Cioffi moved and Bill Rowe seconded approving the minutes as written. The vote was all in favor. The motion is approved.**
2. Old Business.
 - a) Director's Report. Mike spoke briefly about the newsletter that was just distributed as well as the delivery of bins to Swanton. Mike stated that everything would be covered under other business.
 - b) Committee Reports: DISCUSSION; Personnel Policies. Bill Rowe spoke about the Executive Committee. He stated that there was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding as well as discussion regarding accrued time. Bill stated that this would also be covered under other business.
 - c) Financial Report. Jess spoke about additional reports included in packets and stated that the P&L does not reflect all June income. Jess gave an update on the audit RFP and spoke about the line of credit paperwork. She stated that the line of credit is all set for the next year.
3. New Business.
 - a) **DISCUSSION AND VOTE:** Shall the board agree to the proposed language of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency of Natural Resources and the District Managers Association regarding the creation of a Vermont Solid Waste Authority? **Bill Rowe moved and Dave Supernault seconded that the board agree to the proposed language of the Memorandum of Understanding between the**

Agency of Natural Resources and the District Managers Association regarding the creation of a Vermont Solid Waste Authority.

Jim Tomlinson asked if Mike had been able to make recommended changes. Barry Kade stated that he recalls the Board stating that they could not support the document. Mike stated that he let the managers know that the Northwest District would not be able to take a position at the time. Mike spoke about the purpose of the document and changes that would be put in place as a result. Mike stated that this allows time for something to be put on the table before the start of the next legislative session. Mike stated that the District Managers are looking for support from all Districts to bring a consensus opinion.

There was discussion about staffing and funding of the Solid Waste Authority.

Bill Rowe stated that the Board could support the Solid Waste Authority without supporting the MOU.

Bill Rowe amended and Dave Supernault seconded that the Northwest Solid Waste Board of Supervisors supports the formation of a Solid Waste Authority with appropriate staffing, funding and responsibility to be defined in the legislative process. The vote was all in favor. The motion is approved.

- b) **DISCUSSION AND VOTE:** Shall the Board allocate an additional payment to the District Manager's Association to assist in the legislative lobbying proposed to work on bills of interest to the District, not to exceed \$3,000.00? It was agreed that the item would be tabled to the next meeting.
- c) **DISCUSSION AND VOTE:** Revised District Personnel policies regarding accrual of vacation and sick time, and the impact on current staff's totals. Jess stated that the Executive Committee had discussions on the best option to reimburse employees for accrued time. Jess spoke about the options presented to the Committee and stated that the consensus seemed to be Option 3. **Jim Tomlinson moved and Bill Cioffi seconded to accept Option 3 to reimburse for half of accrued time over a reasonable period of time with the other half to be used as paid time off by 12/12/09. The vote was all in favor. The motion is approved.**

DISCUSSION: (Possible Executive Session) Legal matters, Montgomery drop off, Robitaille Trucking, Personnel. Mike stated that the District will be meeting in court next Friday with Jason Snider for a non possessory attachment on his equipment. Mike stated that on the 20th, the Sheltra's were arraigned on embezzlement charges. Mike stated that he has a meeting with the attorney next Thursday.

4. Other Business.

Paul Lambert spoke briefly about the Drop and Swap and stated that advertising is necessary for all events.

Barry Kade inquired about the job descriptions for the Admin Committee. Mike stated that he has done some work based on the model that Paul Lambert provided.

5. Public Comment.
None.

6. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.