CUSTER FALL RIVER

REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025, Meeting – 6:30 pm MDT Mueller Center

The Custer-Fall River Regional Waste Management District Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Mueller Center, Hot Springs, SD by Chairman Mike Linde.

Members Present: Mike Linde, Chairman, Custer County; Les Cope, Vice Chairman, Fall River County; Peg Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer, Custer; Ray Hussey, Buffalo Gap; Rheta Reagan, Edgemont; Dean Weekley, Fairburn; Craig Romey, Hot Springs; and Vince Logue, Oelrichs. Members Absent: Dee Anderson, Pringle. Others Present: Kerry Barker, Barker Concrete and Construction; Jason Hinds, FMG; and Starla Russell, Deputy Secretary/Treasurer.

All motions approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Reagan, second by Ryan to approve the September 11, 2025, agenda.

Motion by Ryan, second by Logue to approve the July 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

The meeting minutes for the Fairburn Town Council dated July 16, 2025, were received appointing Dean Weekley as the Fairburn representative, replacing Melissa Kremer.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Motion by Romey, second by Ryan to approve the Treasurer's Report. The sitework project for a new drop-off site has been completed. Motion by Reagan, second by Hussey to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment in the amount of $112,389.00 for the Public Drop-Off Site Project.

Kerry Barker of Barker Concrete and Construction reported the compactor is back in operation and Chairman Linde was notified of the recent repairs needed. There has been no action on appliance disposal as the freon must still be removed prior to disposal. Barker reported the site will not accept any additional appliances that contain freon. Romey inquired if Jim Rhode had been contacted to assist in the removal of freon from the appliances currently held on site. Barker will follow-up. There has been no action on the concrete crushing project, however, the contactor contacted Barker to schedule a time to complete the project.

FMG is drafting a final response to SD DANR's May 20, 2025, State Inspection at the Landfill site. All tires have been hauled away by Tri State Tire and the required cover provided over the exposed areas, as requested by DANR. FMG reported the cost was $250/ton and approximately 80 tons were removed. Motion by Ryan, second by Hussey to approve the invoice to Tri-State Tire for their services. Barker reported he is no longer using Hi-D-Way (now Stern) for the Landfill's fuel/diesel needs due to unresolved delivery issues. He reported he notified them in June and instead plans to utilize Nelson's Oil and Gas through the end of 2025. Motion by Hussey, second by Ryan to pay the outstanding invoices received from Nelson's Oil and Gas and utilize their services through the end of the year. Romey expressed concern about terminating the agreement since it is to cover the entire 2025 calendar year. Motion passed with Romey opposing the motion. A new Service Agreement for equipment maintenance by Butler Machinery was recently signed by Chairman Linde.

Jason Hinds of FMG reported work has begun on the site characterization for the Cell III Closure and new Cell opening, including new wells drilled and a sub-surface plan developd. He also reported the 2024 Annual Water Testing Report was approved and FMG is on track for submitting the 2025 annual testing report this Winter/Spring 2026.

Fees associated with providing credit card payment services were reviewed. The PCI Validation was recently completed by Rancher's, who accept these payments for the landfill. After discussing the increased fees to provide this payment option and Barker's request for the Deputy Secretary/Treasurer, as opposed to Rancher's staff, to complete the PCI Validation, Barker recommended discontinuing accepting payment by credit/debit card. Barker reported many customers prefer not to incur the credit card convenience fee and opt to pay by cash or check instead. Deputy Secretary Starla Russell reported financial responsibilities outline that the Deputy/Secretary performs accounts payable, and the Contractor (Barkers) performs accounts receivables. The recent audit confirmed that Rancher's staff, who accepts payments for the

Contractor, would be responsible for the PCI Validation. Russell further advised the payment vendor has advised a $450 new infrastructure fee will be assessed in October, however, current customers who do not agree to the fee can submit their written request to terminate the service contract and machine lease with the vendor for no penalty. Motion by Logue, second by Reagan to no longer offer payment by credit/debit cards effective October 1, 2025.

Independent Audit Services has completed the 2023-2024 audit, and Legislative Audit has accepted the audit. The Board reviewed the Letter of Comments.

Russell recommended the Board consider having Independent Audit Services conduct a one-year audit for 2025, to keep current on the maximum two-year audit requirement, given the challenge of identifying auditors with the eventual retirement of Benjamin Elliott of Independent Audit Services. Elliott has submitted a proposal for $6,000. Motion by Reagan, second by Romey to approve Independent Audit Services to conduct the 2025 audit.

Discussion on implementing a more regular tire disposal program to minimize future findings by the SD DANR during state inspections, especially when tire grant programs are not available thru the State, was held. It was determined the Board may consider this later. Hinds recommended the Board consider applying for a state grant to assist in the expenses for the Cell III Closure/New Cell Opening. Hinds will provide more information at the next meeting.

Russell reported the 2026 Preliminary Budget will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting, and asked Barker to provide estimates on budget items for the upcoming year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Mueller Center, Hot Springs, SD.

Motion by Romey, second by Reagan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Submitted by

Starla F. Russell

Starla Russell, Deputy Secretary/Treasurer