



SWANN

Board of Directors Meeting

MAR 20, 2025

Chairman J.W. Geiser called the March 20th, 2025 Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Platte Valley Bank Meeting Room, 141 W. 3rd St., Chadron, NE. Members were present for roll call: Chadron, Shane Shepherd; Clinton, Roy Retzlaff; Gordon, Doug Woodbeck; Harrison, Dashiell Rohan; Hay Springs, Brant Buettner; Sheridan Co. Dan Kling; Sioux County, J.W. Geiser; and Whitney, Fred Raben. Quorum was reached with members present. Members absent: Crawford, Chris Dean; Dawes Co., Vic Rivera; Hemingford, Richard Wacker; Rushville, Barbara Stava. Chairman Geiser pointed out the Open Meetings Act posted in the rear of the room.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Geiser presented the March 20th, 2025 agenda. Exec. Dir. Stewart identified Agenda was ready to go as presented, Member Kling from Sheridan Co. moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Raben from Whitney seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Pending Assessments on Delinquent Account

Chairman Geiser opened the floor to those residents of the Agency who had received notices of delinquent accounts who wanted to contest the charges; no public persons were present to contest the account charges. Director Stewart read the official assessment proceedings process information prior to discussion. Director Stewart informed the Board that each delinquent person was provided with an initial letter stating the account was in arrears. Any accounts that were still delinquent received a notice of Hearing Letter. It was noted that the Assessment report provided for review was broke out by area this year, and Board members were asked to review delinquent listings for accuracy, and other situations that need reviewing. Ex. Director Stewart read the resolutions for all counties connected with these processes. Public Hearing was closed, with Chairman Geiser continuing with BOD Meeting Agenda items.

Assessment Resolution 2025-04 – Dawes County

Director Stewart noted that this resolution and assessment listing is for the purpose of certifying the delinquent accounts to the County Treasurer of Dawes County to be assessed against the premises served, and that the same should be collected and returned in the same manner as other taxes are certified, assessed, collected and returned. Chairman Geiser entertained motion of approval of resolution, Member Rohan of Harrison moved to approve the assessment list. Member Retzlaff of Clinton seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Assessment Resolution 2025-05 – Sheridan County

Director Stewart noted that this resolution and assessment listing is for the purpose of certifying the delinquent accounts to the County Treasurer of Sheridan County to be assessed against the premises served, and that the same should be collected and returned in the same manner as other taxes are certified, assessed, collected and returned. Chairman Geiser entertained motion of approval of resolution, Member Woodbeck of Gordon moved to approve the assessment list. Member Shepherd of Chadron seconded. Discussion, led by member Kling, discussed about processes that Cities and Villages should not be collecting accounts/amounts on assessments; this is solely handled by the county treasurer of the respective counties. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Assessment Resolution 2025-06 – Sioux County

Director Stewart noted that this resolution and assessment listing is for the purpose of certifying the delinquent accounts to the County Treasurer of Sioux County to be assessed against the premises served, and that the same should be collected and returned in the same manner as other taxes are certified, assessed, collected and returned. Chairman Geiser entertained motion of approval of resolution, Member Retzlaff of Clinton moved to approve the assessment list. Member Kling of Sheridan County seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of January 15th, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Geiser presented the January 15th, 2025 BOD meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections to the minutes as presented, Member Rohan of Harrison moved to approve the minutes. Member Woodbeck of Gordon seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims/Budgets EOM January & February 2025 Results

Executive Director, Jake Stewart reviewed the claims/budget for the Board. At the end of January 2025, the Agency was 67% through the 24-25 fiscal year. Revenues and Expenses were reviewed. On the revenue side, the Agency was right on with projections at 74%, expenses were 69%, also in line with projected costs. Stewart pointed out areas of review on the budget sheets e.g. expenses – gas/diesel, community sites, wages, legal, engineering, etc. At the end of February 2025, the Agency was 75% through the 24-25 fiscal year. Revenues, at 83%, slightly ahead of anticipated. Expenses finished December at 76%, again line items discussed were gas/diesel, disposal fees and Engineering costs. Topics were discussed by Exec. Director and Board members as questions arose. Stewart reviewed the money markets/reserve accounts showing the deposits in the bonding, disposal and collection equipment accounts. Money Markets and CDs were reviewed. Stewart reviewed the paid bills and tonnage report for ea. respective month. With no additional questions and comments, Member Woodbeck of Gordon moved to approve the January and February 2025 EOM respective Claims and Budgets. Hay Spring member Buettner seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Container Maintenance Waiver Form “Snowbird” Review/Definition

Board Chairman JW Geiser introduced agenda item, snowbird definition; Ex. Director Stewart explained to the SWANN Board of Directors; Minimal maintenance fee to fix lids, hooks, decks/bottoms, general upkeep of dumpsters. Cities, towns and village offices have asked for definition. Snowbird term is for those municipal residents who shutdown utilities services when they vacate for a designated period of time; the minimal charge [\$10.00] will be enacted on this resident's hiatus regardless of other respective utilities service status. This is due to services for maintenance and collection of the dumpster is still occurring during the absence of this resident. Upon the return of the resident, services are immediately available and full rates resume. This Waiver is not meant for individual or business construction or storage uses of a residence they may own/work with – regardless of other utility service status. City, Towns and Villages will, pursuant to interlocal agreements and procedures, continue to process landfill/waste collection charges on residents' even when other services may be shut-off or ceased. Board members discussed the benefits/challenges of the waste collection services and the charges involved with municipal trash collection. The form for this reduction of service cost was discussed, with discussion ensuing and having it confirmed that stop and start dates were included as to when vacant maintenance waiver [\$10.00] fees would return to normal rates. Harrison member Rohan moved to enact this \$10.00 minimum charge with member Shepherd representing Chadron, seconding the motion. Brief discussion ensued; roll call was made with all member present voting aye. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Exec. Dir. Stewart began the report with conversation regarding the following topics.

Baler Building Update: Exec. Dir., Jake Stewart waiting for engineers to stake area of new building enabling dirt work/base foundation to begin upon weather permitting. Engineers are working to combine efforts and limit costs with landfill engineering processes along with new transfer station foundation mapping. Mr. Stewart advised board he will continually provide updates as activities develop.

Health Benefits Update/New FY Costs Exec. Dir. Stewart discussed the packet included materials regarding benefits; pointing out that our representative brought savings with our current UHC provider from 9% to 3.98% by taking their bid to other providers then negotiating with them to present a final increase amount. Blue Cross and Blue Shield proposed a 37.37% increase over current rates, Medica was 3.59% and Aetna declined to quote due to uncompetitive rate numbers. Vision had a 0% increase, while dental would have a 2.5% increase. Dental and Vision support for Part-time employees was mentioned, along with BOD had voted to allow PT staff to enroll, and subsequently approved 35% agency support in supplemental benefit costs. No action was taken, beyond discussion of program details and procedures, supported by general consensus of the board that these procedures continue.

Summer hours/collection days **Net Wrap disposal Reminder:** Exec. Dir. Stewart that discussed how collection drivers would again start collecting residential dumpsters twice a week; with green dumpsters [grass and leaves only] on Wednesdays. Stewart reminded the Board, that commercial accounts have and are always collected twice a week all year round, along with heavy use dumpsters. Stewart along discussed how special event in Gordon was enacted with the community site being open longer hours for the town's clean-up days. Stewart went on to discuss net wrap, asking the board members to mention with anyone they are visiting with to be sure that net wrap is being bagged, boxed and/or contained before being disposed of. Again, the website was pointed out to be a primary resource for disposal practices of net wrap.

Landfill Permit [5 years/2030]: Exec. Dir. Stewart noted that everything passed inspection following a public hearing with the State of Nebraska and the Agency had been approved and permitted to bury trash for the next five years.

New Trucks: Two new trucks have been received. A new hook truck along with a new collection truck have been licensed and insured for use in the solid waste disposal proceedings. The new collection truck, #12, is making its rounds in Sheridan County – Hay Springs, Rushville, Clinton and Gordon. Budget discussion ensued as to how funding was maintained and utilized for new truck purchases.

Budget 1st Draft **With Proposed Rates - handout: Exec. Dir. Stewart noted how he has been supplying budget report materials to the members for their review. Stewart encouraged the BOD to review, highlight, notate and ask questions as any time as to how the budget is developed and what areas need further review. Rate analysis information was provided for review and consideration. Brief discussion ensued; with no action taken other than to encourage members to provide feedback and information toward development of the FY 25–26-year budget and customer rates. Stewart discussed how the budget would be reviewed for the next couple of meetings, providing members with a total of four months of review, before final budget and rate being voted on for FY start on June 1.

Executive Session

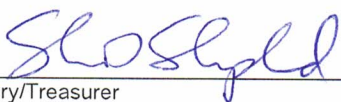
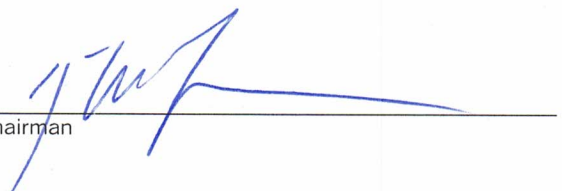
With there being no need, the Board of Directors did not find it necessary to enter into executive session for the present meeting.

Board of Directors Comments

With no other Agency business; BOD Comments were asked for; Board Representatives did not have many topic comments to discuss, some questions were presented with Mr. Stewart providing additional information or details regarding topics that were brought up.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board at 8:04 p.m., Chairman Geiser declared the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer
Chairman