

Minutes: Meeting December 13th 8:30am Council Chambers

Roll Call: Ed Lambrecht, Gordy Blevins, Diane Dimich, Heather Iselin, Corey Thompson (Council Member), Katelynn Essig (Vista)

Action Items:

- Secretary~ Both Ed and Gordy declined the position
- Approval of By-Laws~ Approved

Bylaws of the Red Lodge Recycling Board

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of the Red Lodge Recycling Board is to 1) Reduce Red Lodge's solid waste by encouraging recycling within the City 2) To advise and give insight to the City Council on the efforts to educate, promote, and inform the citizens of Red Lodge of the recycling center and the options presented by Republic Services, and 3) To give advice and recommendations to the City Council on the maintenance and operation of the recycling center, including needed repairs and improvements

Article II. Membership

The membership shall consist of five voting members along with a non-voting member of the City Council's Public Works committee, acting as an ex-officio member of the Board to provide direction and counsel. The membership of the Board shall include one member from within the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge appointed by the Mayor, two members residing within five miles of the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge appointed by the Mayor, and one member from within the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge appointed by the City Council, and one member appointed by Beartooth Industries.

Article III. Meetings

The Red Lodge Recycling Board will elect a chairperson and a secretary.

Meetings will be in the months of April, July, and October, and may meet more often as required to consider the recycling needs of the City of Red Lodge and give advice to the City Council.

A quorum of three voting members must be present for business to be conducted at each meeting.

Meetings will be held at City Hall.

All meetings of the Recycling Board shall be noticed at the City's official posting places not less than ten days prior to the meeting, and are subject to the requirements of the Montana Open Meeting Law. Minutes of the meetings and records of decisions shall be produced and filed with the City Clerk.

Discussion Items:

Beartooth Industries contract

- Ed presented a contract dated August 30th, 2016~ it was not signed
- Maryvette Labrie provided a contract from 2012~

Curb Side Recycling~ although this is in the Republic contract it is not currently being done.

Survey the Public~ Ed was going to look into the cost and how to survey the public

Educate the Public~ We discussed signage, Facebook posts, info to the Carbon County News

- Ed said Bobby at Beartooth Industries would make some new signs for the gates at the Recycling center
- Ed said if the recycling center was going to be closed he would post on the Recycling page, the Red Lodge Classifieds, and the Red Lodge Buzz page on Facebook
- Diane volunteered to put the recycling information in the Carbon County Briefs in the Carbon County News.

Julia provided information on what Republic can/will take for recycling~ with estimates of costs. She didn't want to give anything exact until she looked them up.

Katelynn Essig informed us that electronics would no longer be accepted at the recycling center beginning in January. Julia commented that it is a possibility through Republic.

Citizen comments:

Michael Szczutkowski voiced his concern for the lack of communications/signage when the center is closed. He is also concerned with the overflowing garbages that are around town.