

Beaver County
Waste Management Special Service District #5
Thursday April 17, 2025, 7:00 PM
Milford Landfill, 7300 S 800 E
Milford, UT 84751

Members Present: Chairman Nolan Davis, Board Members Troy Black, Robin Bradshaw, Jack McMullin, Kade Blackner

Staff: Manager Mike Neilsen, Secretary Kaylee Acklin

Absent: Board Member John Carter, Attorney Von Christiansen

Visitor: Wiley Hughes/Hughes & Son's

Call to Order

Chairman Nolan Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Issues

a. Consent issues including financial reports, approval of bills and payroll, approval of minutes

*MOTION: Board Member Troy Black moved to approve the consent issues as presented.
Motion was seconded by Board Member Kade Blackner. All were in favor, motion carried.*

New Business

None

Old Business

a. Discuss curbside service in the Grove Area and prepare for Town Hall Meeting: The board discuss the issue of adding regular trash collection services to the Grove area. Two options were presented for covering the associated costs. A County wide increase of \$0.47 would be applied to all residents' garbage collection fees across the county. If the Grove Area had the specific increase only Grove residents would see an increase. The proposed adjustment would add \$7.74 to the Grove residents' current garbage fee. This would be on top of their existing \$14.00 monthly fee. The board agrees the District represents the county as a whole and eventually would like to work towards curbside service throughout the county. The Grove Area is the first step. The Board unanimously agreed that the \$0.47 increase should be passed along county-wide, in support of the District's plan to transition to curbside service. A final decision will be made following the Town Hall Meeting for Wednesday, April 23rd.

Commissioner Yardley asked whether, during Phase One and in Phase Two — if the District decides to expand curbside service to Manderfield, Greenville, or Adamsville — there would be another rate increase. Wiley confirmed that yes, there would be an additional rate increase if expansion occurs. Commissioner Yardley's concerns, he is uneasy about the multiple rate increases required with each phase of adding curbside service. While residents may be able to handle one rate increase, multiple increases could be a problematic especially for west side residents who are not seeing any changed in

service. He is reluctant to shift the financial burden solely onto the Grove area, even though they are the only ones currently experiencing a service change. Commissioner Yardley emphasizes that he doesn't want to create division or a "barrier" between the east and west sides of the county.

Wiley's recommendation, he suggests the issue be reframed: the problem is abuse of rural garbage cans, which is not limited to rural residents. City residents (Milford, Minersville, Beaver) are also contributing to the problem. Wiley proposes that starting with the Grove is a practical first step toward solving this larger issue.

Board Member Kade Blackner's perspective, he notes that county residents currently pay \$14 per can for trash pickup. If the county were to implement county-wide curbside service, the cost would rise to approximately \$21 per can.

Manager Mike Neilsen's emphasizes that current garbage rates are exceptionally low compared to other areas. He commends the work Hughes is doing and notes that the county is fortunate to maintain such affordable rates.

After the Town Hall Meeting, Board Member Robin Bradshaw inquired about the plan for the Grove Area and curbside service. Manager Mike Neilsen responded that the key issue is securing the necessary cans. The timeline depends on how quickly the cans can be ordered and delivered. He also mentioned the possibility of some Grove resident's volunteering to place the dumpsters on their property or surrounding areas, but emphasized that no final decisions can be made until after the upcoming Town Hall Meeting.

Board Member Robin Bradshaw asked if there were any additional items to address before the upcoming town hall meeting.

Manager Mike Neilsen reported back on his assignment from the previous meeting, in which he spoke with residents regarding the garbage truck's turnaround in Swindlehurst Lane. He received approval from all contacted residents except Kelly Walker.

Mike also discussed with residents the idea of dragging their garbage cans to a designated pickup location. Most residents expressed they were comfortable with this arrangement and did not foresee any issues.

Board Member Kade Blackner inquired whether any garbage cans would need to be picked up along the highway. Wiley confirmed that some would.

Robin Bradshaw then asked Wiley what day of the week he planned to perform pickups. Wiley responded that the route would take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours, and he is considering shifting some stops from the current Wednesday route due to the growing population on the east side of Beaver. This would help balance workload by pulling a few hours from the east side's Wednesday schedule.

The board discussed the numerous new homes and apartment buildings being constructed in Beaver. Manager Mike Neilsen inquired about the waste management setup for the new apartment complexes. Specifically, whether they will be curbside pickup or use dumpsters. Wiley responded that while the buildings are located within city limits, the method of garbage collection depends on whether the property is classified as residential or commercial. Mike explained that in the past, the distinction was made based on power metering. Individual metered units were considered residential and billed separately for curbside garbage service. Non-individually units, single power meter for the whole building were considered commercial and required to use dumpsters serviced under a commercial account.

Wiley noted problems with dumpsters at the Ag Apartments, which are managed by the Beaver Housing Authority. These dumpsters are frequently misused. Residents often dispose of mattresses, furniture, and other bulk waste items improperly. There is a general perception among some residents that because they pay a \$14 monthly garbage fee, they are entitled to use any dumpsters for disposal, even for large or inappropriate items. Wiley expressed his opinion that the Beaver Housing Authority functions as a business and should be required to have commercial garbage service rather than relying on residential-style dumpsters.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the County Road Crew does not plan to assist with city cleanups this spring. Chairman Nolan Davis clarified that it is not a matter of unwillingness to help; rather, the County Road Crew is currently assisting Milford City with a project that was originally scheduled to take two weeks but has now extended to five weeks.

Resolutions

None

Comments

None

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Approved by Waste Management Board Members May 15, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaylee Acklin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kaylee" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Acklin".

Kaylee Acklin, District Secretary