

# GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 31, 2013
10am to 12pm
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex, Adelup
Small Conference Room

#### Minutes

# I. Call to Order

The Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors' meeting was called to order by Interim Vice Chairman, Andrew Gayle, at 10:08 a.m.

# II. Roll Call

# **Board Members:**

Andrew Gayle Interim Vice Chair

Elyze Iriarte

Alexandra Taitano

# **Management & Staff:**

Chace Anderson GBB Vice President/Receiver Operations Manager

David Manning Receiver Representative (via phone)

Alicia Fejeran Board Secretary/Customer Service Supervisor

Danny Galiza Engineer Supervisor Keilani Mesa Customer Service

## **Guests:**

Jay Lather Arthur Clark Tom Herslet

# III. Approval of Minutes

Andrew Gayle requested to add Receiver Representative, David Manning's statement regarding all decisions made for Guam Solid Waste Authority to the last paragraph of Section III, part A of the draft minutes from Board of Directors' meeting on 9/26/2013. There were no objections.

Board member, Elyze Iriarte, motioned to approve the draft minutes subject to change.



Board member, Alexandra Taitano, seconded. Motion was passed.

# IV. Reports

## a. Management Report/Receiver's Report

An updated report of total amount billed and cash collected was distributed along with an updated tonnage report of tonnage going into the landfill on average per day. Andrew Gayle inquired on how the forecast will change in the future for the amount of tonnage, on average, daily. Receiver Operations Manager, Chace Anderson, explained that the forecast was given previously and that there will not be much of a difference. Board member, Alexandra Taitano, inquired if there will be a separate line item for recyclables now that GSWA has implemented curbside recycle collections. Chace Anderson explained that the first load will start on Monday, 11/04/13, and they will keep track of it by route and there will be a separate line for recyclables.

## b. Weather Impact

Chace Anderson and GSWA Engineer Supervisor, Danny Galiza, discussed the impact that the heavy rain and typhoon had on the Landfill. GSWA currently follows procedures that were set by DPW for when Guam is experiencing a typhoon. Residential and Commercial customers were not affected by the weather; however, the negative outcome from the typhoon was that GSWA was unable to send leachate through the lines leading to Guam Water Authority's pump station for seven days due to lack of maintenance and undersized pumps. As a result, GSWA hired Detry Plumbing to pump and transport the leachate, which was an added expense.

## c. Schedule Change Impact

Guam Solid Waste Authority had changed the trash collection schedule for about 8,000 customers. Chace Anderson explained that customers were informed three different ways. They had notified customers by putting stickers on the trash carts, contacting them personally, and mailing out notices. Collection is now 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, and from 8 hours a day to 10 hours a day. GSWA also requested to Department of Administration for the employees' paychecks to be available on Thursday. Chace Anderson explained that employees were thrilled to have 3 days off.

## d. Performance Indicators

Andrew Gayle requested the Receiver to provide key performance indicators to help the Board better understand the financial and operations of GSWA. The receiver informed the Board that the key indicators are in the Court Status Reports, but would have to be



reported to the court first. The Board members requested that the Receiver communicate the Board's request to see the information on a monthly basis to the Court, and the Receiver agreed.

# e. Court Order of 10/29/13

The Governor's Office filed an appeal that the Receiver not award the contract to close Ordot Dump. The Court has issued an order for the Receiver to move forward with closing the Dump. Also, the Attorney General's Office was released from representing the Governor's Office.

## V. Unfinished Business

## a. Legal Counsel - RFP Status

RFP was sent to the AG's Office for review. The Board Members inquired on if they can proceed without the AG's review since the new court order. David Manning agreed to inquire with the AG on whether or not the Board can proceed without the AG's review.

# b. Super Fund Status

David Manning provided a memorandum regarding the funding for the Layon Landfill and Closure of Ordot Dump. Board member, Alexandra Taitano, inquired on why Governor Camacho rejected the federal funding. David Manning explained that because of the amount of debt the Government was in, there was no viable use for the grant and decided not to accept it. Ms. Taitano requested to be provided with the letter from Governor Camacho rejecting the additional funding.

# VI. New Business

# a. Recycling Program

GSWA launched the deliveries for the recycle carts on Friday, 10/25/13 and will continue until it has been distributed throughout the island. The Board inquired on the financial impact of the program. David Manning explained that the special report filed with the District Court on August 2013 will show the financial report. Recycle collections will not require new trucks and new personnel due to the trash collection schedule change and reduction in routes. Customers can also sign up for recycle collection email reminders.

## b. Layon Landfill

Danny Galiza is concerned about the operations and maintenance of the GWA pumps because it affects the pumping of leachate at the Layon Landfill. Danny Galiza expressed his concerns about additional costs of hiring a private company to pump and transport



the leachate when rainy weather occur. Andrew Gayle inquired if there was a specific line item in the budget for situations like this. David Manning stated that there is none at this time, however, if a trend is clear, it would make financial sense to budget for it.

# VII. Open Discussion

No discussion.

## VIII. Public Forum

Tom Herslet inquired on the recycling services and if customers are required to bag the recycled items. Chace Anderson informed him that no bag is needed to separate the recyclable items and they may be mixed into the bin.

Mr. Herslet also asked for the comparison of leachate in dry and rainy season. Danny Galiza explained that during a dry season they receive about 3,000 gallons and when the rain increases it can go up to 100,000 gallons.

# IX. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 9:00am.

# X. Adjourn

Elyze Iriarte motioned to adjourn meeting. Alexandra Taitano seconded. Motion was passed, and meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.