

MINUTES

TEXOMA AREA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC. (TASWA) Cities of Denison, Gainesville, and Sherman Cooke and Grayson Counties

May 12, 2021

The Texoma Area Solid Waste Authority, Inc. Board of Directors convened on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in a regular meeting, at 8:30 a.m. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Board Members Present:	Gainesville Mayor	Tommy Moore
	Sherman Mayor	David Plyler
	Denison Mayor	Janet Gott
	Grayson County Judge	Bill Magers
	Cooke County Judge	Steve Starnes

TASWA Staff present: John O'Steen, Jo Anne Hixson, Heather Wright

I. Call to Order and Declare Meeting Open

Vice Chairman David Plyler opened the regular meeting at 8:37 a.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

II. David Plyler introduced Gainesville Mayor Tommy Moore and Judge Steve Starnes

Mayor Moore is employed by the FAA. He has lived in Gainesville all his life. He married his high school sweetheart. They have 4 children. Most recently he was the Deputy Mayor in Gainesville.

Judge Starnes has been in the Gainesville area 42 years. He worked at Safron (formerly Weber) where his wife is currently employed as Vice President After Market. They have 5 adult children.

Both men were sworn in by their predecessor prior to the meeting to ensure there was a quorum for the next meeting.

III. Election of Officers

Mayor Gott nominated Tommy Moore for Sec/Treas.

Mayor Plyler suggested waiting to vote until all nominations were made.

Mayor Moore nominated Janet Gott for Vice President

Mayor Moore nominated David Plyler for President

Motion for approval was made by Janet Gott, seconded by Bill Magers.

Motion passed by the following vote: 5 **Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes
0 **Nays** 0 **Absent**

IV. Approval of Minutes November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Magers, seconded by Janet Gott.

Motion passed by the following vote: 5 **Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes
0 Nays 0 Absent

V. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing Tommy Moore and Steve Starnes signatory authorization on the TASWA bank account and removal of Jim Goldsworthy and Jason Brinkley's name from the account.

Motion for approval was made by Janet Gott, seconded by Bill Magers.

Motion passed by the following vote: 5 **Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes
0 Nays 0 Absent

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding purchasing 2 articulating dump trucks and hiring personnel to operate them.

The articulating dump trucks will make the site more efficient by being able to operate in wet weather when the scrappers can not.

Motion for approval was made by Janet Gott, seconded by Tommy Moore.

Motion passed by the following vote: 5 **Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes
0 Nays 0 Absent

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding TASWA's 2021 – 2022 Budget.

John O'Steen reported there will not be a gate rate increase in this budget year. However, he suggested to the board that a market analysis be conducted to see where TASWA falls in gate rate pricing in the North Texas area.

Motion for approval was made by Janet Gott, seconded by Tommy Moore.

Motion passed by the following vote: 5 **Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes
0 Nays 0 Absent

VIII. Update from Biggs & Mathews.

David Clark reported on the following items...

Airspace

Based on fill rate, Sector V will be completely filled by Fall of 2024. Sector VI should be complete Spring of 2024.

Wetland Mitigation

Planting is still being established. Integrated Environmental Solutions will continue to assess the progress to see if the growth requirements have been met. The irrigation system has been changed to help with watering. This new configuration should cut the amount of water needed by 25 to 30 percent.

Landfill gas

Biggs & Mathews will be performing a field test in the next several months to determine the amount of Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC) in the TASWA landfill. David Clark will report on this at the next meeting.

IX. Discussion and possible action regarding permit modifications.

David Clark and John O'Steen explained to board members, about the potential TASWA has to improve the waste capacity. This would provide long term stability and disposal options for the future.

Updating the permit is a multi-year process (typically 2.5 to 4 years). Future development in the area may increase the complexity of updating the permit in the future. Current regulations governing solid waste permits are known...changes to those regulations may increase the complexity of updating the permit in the future.

Motion was made to proceed with updating the permit to make the site as efficient as feasible. Biggs and Mathews will prepare a scope of work to preform the permit amendment to start the process.

Motion for approval was made by Janet Gott, seconded by Tommy Moore.

Motion passed by the following vote: **5 Ayes** – Gott, Magers, Moore, Plyler, Starnes

0 Nays 0 Absent

X. Update from the Executive Director

John O'Steen stated, Roger Reed, S & S Superintendent of Schools, came to visit regarding the recent fatal accident that took the life of one of their students. He wanted to see if TASWA would be interested in collaborating with them to get a feasibility study to lower the 75 MPH speed limit on the 3 mile stretch of road on Hwy 56 where the accident occurred.... Judge Magers showed John a text message he got the day before stating the study was started on May 11 2021.

XI. Discussion and possible action regarding the date, time, location, and subject matter of the next TASWA meeting.

The next TASWA meeting will be announced at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tommy Moore, Sec/Treas