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RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL SOLID WASTE SUB-COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mr. Lindel Toups, Chairman of the Lafourche Parish Council, stated that the Solid Waste Sub-Committee was ready for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M. He announced that, as Council Chair, he nominated three councilmen, one from the north, central, and south area of the parish, to serve on the committee. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Mike Delatte—Co-Chair
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II—Chairman
Mr. Brent Callais

ABSENT: None

He announced that the Parish President was also present.

MOTIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to appoint a Chairman. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte to appoint Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The Committee approved the appointment of **Mr. Phillip Gouaux** by *unanimous concession*.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to appoint a Co-Chair. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The Committee approved the appointment of **Mr. Mike Delatte** by *unanimous concession*.

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a discussion concerning a landfill proposal. Chairman Gouaux requested that the committee receive a copy of the proposal for their review and to discuss it at the next meeting. President Randolph mentioned that discussions were held with two landfill sites and that the Council's pleasure of either requesting proposals or negotiating was unknown. She commented that one of the reasons for the meeting was to discuss what direction the Council will instruct the Administration to take, adding that another issue to be discussed was whether the Council wanted the landfill proposal to be separate from the Solid Waste Collection contract. Chairman Gouaux suggested that the parish request proposals, particularly for a comparison basis,

and that on the proposal, garbage be separate from C&D-type materials, such as tree debris and wood. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Parish President was given the authority to negotiate with SWDI. Next, a discussion ensued regarding the landfills, with the Parish President saying that no official quotes were received. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte, and *carried* that the parish go out for proposals for the land fill. President Randolph was informed that the C&D materials could be included, but as a separate priced item. Mr. Jerome Danos, Solid Waste Manager, discussed the difference between the rates of C&D and garbage. He mentioned that it would be to the parish's advantage to get a proposal that would separate that type of material, adding that the language of the contract will need to be carefully written.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the solid waste contract. Chairman Gouaux stated that the Council approved extending the contract six months. A discussion ensued again on whether or not the Parish President was given the authority to enter into renegotiations of a contract. Chairman Gouaux said that the parish needs to go forth on starting the negotiation process, suggesting the Parish President handle the negotiations. A discussion ensued regarding on whether to begin negotiations or to go out for bids. Chairman Gouaux suggested investigating what the surrounding parishes pay per house prior to going out for contracts. A discussion ensued concerning bids and proposals, the difference between the two, and to include quality of service and the use of a local company as factors when deciding on a company. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to accept proposals for the Solid Waste Contract. Mr. Danos mentioned that he finished a proposal on Friday. He then said that the contract will expire in September and suggested that the parish announce the new contract 90 days before the expiration date, saying that the contract would need to be settled by early July. Mr. Ronnie Matherne said that new 2004 equipment was purchased and that he would need 15 to 30 days to put together a proposal. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte, and *carried* to accept proposals for the Solid Waste Contract with a June 4, 2004 deadline.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item on the agenda was other business. John Davis asked if SWDI was going to pick up tires that have been thrown in his yard, or if the landfill or shooting range would accept tires. Mr. Danos discussed the stipulation which only allows 5 tires per day.

Chairman Gouaux suggested that the parish find property to turn into a landfill and then asked if landfills were only generated through big businesses due to the liability involved. Mr. Danos then addressed the issue, saying that the northern part of the parish would be most suitable. Mr. Gouaux wondered if it was conceivable that the parish has property that would suit the need and inquired about the cost that would be involved to develop a landfill. Discussion ensued. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais for the Administration to look into the possibility of Lafourche having its own landfill. Mr. Danos expressed reasons why a landfill in Lafourche Parish would not be feasible. The Committee *approved* the motion.

Chairman Gouaux mentioned that SWDI hauls garbage straight to the landfill and said that the cost could be reduced if the parish had a staging site, suggesting that property on old Hwy. 90 could be used to accommodate such a facility. He said that a staging site would keep SWDI trucks

from having to deliveries to the landfill. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte, and *carried* for the Administration to look into Lafourche Parish having its own staging site and to include the cost factor of a staging site in the proposal.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Solid Waste Sub-Committee of May 3, 2004, is adjourned at 6:30 pm.

**PHILLIP GOUAUX, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH SOLID WASTE
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**