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**JOINT POWERS BOARD**  
**HYBRID IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**  
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**SANTA FE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX**  
**100 CATRON STREET, SANTA FE, NM**  
**GRANT CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency Joint Powers Board was called to order by Chair Bustamante at 4:17 pm on Thursday, May 16, 2024, and was held in-person and virtually.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair  
Commissioner Anna Hansen  
Commissioner Justin Greene  
Councilor Michael Garcia

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilor Lee Garcia, Excused  
Councilor Amanda Chavez, Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, SWMA  
Jonas Nahoum, Attorney  
Rosalie Cardenas, SWMA  
Les Francisco, Santa Fe County Solid Waste Superintendent  
Deborah Trujillo, Interim Director, City of Santa Fe Environmental Services  
Thomasina Chavez, SWMA  
Lois Demella, AFSCME  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Hansen, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Chair Bustamante, yes.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 18, 2024**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Councilor Michael Garcia, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Hansen, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Chair Bustamante, yes.

**V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Councilor Michael Garcia, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Hansen, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Chair Bustamante, yes.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LONG, KOMER & ASSOCIATES, P.A. OF SANTA FE, NM, FOR LEGAL SERVICES (RFP NO. 23/55/P); AND**

- 1. EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH MAY 18, 2025**
- 2. INCREASE THE COMPENSATION BY \$30,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.**

Approved on consent.

## **VIII. MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **A. UPDATE ON FY-23 AUDIT**

Mr. Kippenbrock said we had our exit conference on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Chair Bustamante, Councilor Michael Garcia and Commissioner Hansen joined he, Thomasina, two representatives from the CRI Audit Firm and State Auditor Joseph Maestas for the conference. It went well. There was one finding regarding the late submittal of the audit. The 2023 audit was presented to the State Auditors Office on May 15<sup>th</sup> along with a letter of request to waive the 5 day requirement after their review so we can present the audit at our next meeting.

Chair Bustamante said they are going to note that the late filing was because of the delay in us receiving the numbers we needed from the City of Santa Fe.

### **B. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FY 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mr. Kippenbrock said the proposed FY 25 budget is in your meeting packet.

Mr. Kippenbrock presented the budget to the Board.

Commissioner Greene asked if there was a potential of continuing the dumping of trash at the landfill who would want to pay extra for that rather than have to drive across the County.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we can consider that. Currently BuRRT is \$10 more than the landfill.

Commissioner Greene recommended that the fee be even more.

Commissioner Greene asked if there were funds in the budget to study the renaming of Caja Del Rio.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we already went through the process of looking at it. There would be a very involved legal process regarding permits.

Commissioner Greene said now would be the time to discuss if we need funds budgeted for this. He would like to have a discussion about it.

Commissioner Greene asked if Mr. Kippenbrock has solar for all the machines at SWMA. There are Federal and State grants for that.

Mr. Kippenbrock said all our lighting is LED. That is the extent of what we have done for energy savings. There is no solar.

Commissioner Greene said there are lots of grants out there. It may be something we can look at and do.

Commissioner Greene said you mentioned the use of compressed natural gas for vehicles. Where do you fill up.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the only facility is on Rufina and Siler. It is Clean Energy. The City has a contract there. It is the only facility in town for public fill up.

Commissioner Greene asked about his idea of accepting trash from out of area entities. Is there money to study that.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes there is money set aside.

Commissioner Hansen said the roads around BuRRT are very bad. She does not go there due to that situation. The City needs to fix the road.

Commissioner Greene asked who is responsible for that road.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the City of Santa Fe.

Commissioner Hansen said she supports the change of name for the landfill. We have a huge problem there as to dumping on the Caja Del Rio property. A name change would help.

Chair Bustamante asked what do we do with methane that we collect.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we collect the gas. It is destroyed on site via a flare.

Chair Bustamante asked if it would be useful in some way.

Mr. Kippenbrock said you have to take into consideration the costs of pumping it and installing gas lines to the nearest pipeline. We would have to look at the feasibility.

Chair Bustamante asked about the glass taken to Denver. What is the value added there.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we have not crushed glass since the fall of 2018. We were unsuccessful in finding someone to buy the glass. We were unable to separate the glass by color.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by

Commissioner Greene, to approve the budget as proposed.

Chair Bustamante asked if there was enough in the budget to cover costs for assessing a name change at Caja Del Rio.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Hansen, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Chair Bustamante, yes.

**IX. MATTERS FROM STAFF - AGENCY, CITY, COUNTY**

**A. ERNESTINA BACA, PROJECT SPECIALIST, SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Mr. Kippenbrock reported for Ms. Baca, saying we had our e-waste and HHW on the first Saturday of the month and it continues to be successful. We had 60 vehicles with e-waste and 98 vehicles with HHW. We are taking green waste from March through October. We extended the dates by 4 months this year. We have the green waste disposal on the first weekend of the month. This month we had 149 vehicles. We are taking tires the first weekend of the month and had 64 customers in May. Next Saturday, BLM is having a clean up north of the landfill from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. The Ranger requested us to provide a couple of roll offs. We are doing so. They will pay for the waste and have volunteers to clean up.

**B. DEBORAH TRUJILLO, INTERIM DIVISION DIRECTOR, CITY OF SANTA FE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Ms. Trujillo reported that a mural is going up on Siringo Road across from Santa Fe High School. The wall there has been tagged numerous times. Santa Fe Beautiful received funding to paint the base coat of paint and hire an artist. We are hiring Santa Fe High School students to help with the painting. It will be a series of trees and will be a half mile long.

Commissioner Hansen said she just forwarded an email to Ms. Trujillo from one of her constituents regarding the area of West Alameda to South Meadows. We own part of the road, the State owns part of the road and the City owns the part of the road closest to South Meadows. It is Via Venado to South Meadows and it is a mess. She hopes the City will take care of that.

Ms. Trujillo said she will look into that and send her a response.

Ms. Trujillo said we are interviewing for our Director position. We will be hosting a student group from Texas from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be helping with litter clean up.

**C. LES FRANCISCO, SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT, SANTA FE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Francisco reported that in the area Commissioner Hansen is concerned about, his crew recently picked up 50 bags of trash.

Commissioner Hansen said thank you Les, but the constituent was talking about the area west of the cattle guard. Silar to Via Venado.

Chair Bustamante thanked both of the staff members for all that they do.

**X. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

Commissioner Greene said Les's boss, Ms. Molina, has left the County. We too, are trying to find someone to fill that void.

Commissioner Greene asked about the possibility of looking at a shredding resource, maybe at BuRRT, for recycling.

Mr. Kippenbrock said to make it viable it would have to be on a small scale. Albuquerque tried that and it did not pan out for them. We would have to look into it.

Chair Bustamante said shredded paper is less recyclable. She was the recycling person for the Labs for 5 years. They take their paper to a secure document disposal site. It is more valuable to keep the paper whole.

Commissioner Greene said due to staffing issues, Santa Fe County is not running the centers for 7 days a week or even for 6 days a week. Is there data you have, Randall, to understand which days are the most used. His constituents think Saturday is the most useful.

Mr. Francisco said all 7 of our centers are open on Saturday. We only shut down a couple of times when we were short of employees.

Chair Bustamante said when she worked with the Labs, there was a time we had to manage waste. She would like to see value added in recycling wherever we can. This may not be the venue for that. When we pay to dispose of something to someone who makes money on it, we lose. There are states who make an industry around that. There are opportunities. It would help to reduce green house gases.



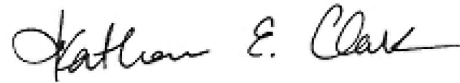
Chair Bustamante said thank you to all of you who do so much in running SWMA.

**XI. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Attested to By:



Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk



Camilla Bustamante (Jun 21, 2024 10:24 MDT)

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair

*Elizabeth Martin*

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer