



**GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 17, 2022
1:03 pm- 2:41 pm
Guam Solid Waste Authority Via Video Conference**

I. Call to Order

The Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) Board of Directors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Gayle at 1:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members:

Andrew Gayle	Chairman
Minakshi Hemlani	Vice Chairwoman
Peggy Denney	Secretary
Cora Montellano	Member

Management & Staff:

Irvin Slike	General Manager
Pedro A. Leon Guerrero Jr.	Assistant General Manager
Alicia Fejeran	Chief of Administration
Keilani Mesa	Administrative Officer
Julene Hunt	Customer Service
Lance Sablan	Customer Service

Guests:

Jessie Chargualaf	Office of Senator Perez
Thomas Hertslet	President at T.A. Enterprises, Inc.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from January 14, 2022. Vice Chairwoman Hemlani made a motion to approve the minutes. Secretary Denney seconded the motion. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

a. Management Reports

I. Operational Update

General Manager Slike presented to the Board an update on financials for Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) as of December 31st, the first quarter of the fiscal year. Chairman Gayle stated GSWA is ahead on revenues by 37.7% to include the ARPA Allocation and the Transfers In (Reimbursement from Cell 3). General Manager Slike stated GSWA has experienced increases in contractual services, which were a 20.5% increase with Layon Operations and a 31.1% increase with the Harmon Hauler Station Operations. Chairman Gayle stated contractual services for GSWA is 9.2% over as compared to last



year approximately \$283,000. He stated GSWA's other expenditures are roughly the same as last year. Chairman Gayle stated that amounts stated for 'Other Expenditures' and 'Total Expenditures' should be looked over and updated. Member Montellano confirmed Chairman Gayle's observation. General Manager Slike stated that there was a 7% increase in revenue with the Commercial Tonnage. He stated there was also a 3.7% increase in Residential Tonnage. Chairman Gayle stated GSWA has more cash on hand, a larger reserve, vendors are being paid more quickly,, residential customers are increasing, but contamination rates have increased to 71%.

Secretary Denney inquired with General Manager Slike as to why the Harmon Station is still setting aside collections for plastics because plastics are not considered recyclable. General Manager Slike stated GSWA will continue to collect plastics from residents to reduce waste into the landfill and until the markets change. Secretary Denney stated Pacific Plastic Solutions will be starting up their business and accepting plastics 1 through 5 and selling it to vendors off island. Chairman Gayle inquired with Secretary Denney how GSWA should handle the plastic collections. Secretary Denney will communicate with the startup company but suggested GSWA continues with collection of plastics until further notice. General Manager Slike stated GSWA will continue to store the plastics and continue to discover ways to utilize the plastics.

b. Committee Reports

I. Zero Waste Round Table / Revolving Recycling Fund Subsidy

Assistant General Manager Leon Guerrero Jr. stated he spoke with Evan San Nicolas who informed him there is no scheduled meeting for the next Zero Waste Round Table. He stated GSWA is waiting on an updated draft legislation from Senator Perez' office..

V. Unfinished Business

a. Island Wide Trash Collection Initiative

General Manager Slike presented the Island Wide Trash Implementation Plan to the Board. He stated GSWA presented the plan to the Governor of Guam. Chairman Gayle stated the Governor and her team have committed to assist GSWA in fulfilling this initiative.

b. Ordot Post Closure Plan Update

General Manager Slike has been meeting with GBB Solid Waste Management Consultants. Secretary Denney inquired with General Manager Slike if there is a final date for the closure. General Manager Slike stated there is no date set. General Manager Slike stated that GSWA, GBB and Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) discussed logistics. Chairman Gayle stated that the Court, U.S. EPA, U.S. Attorney, GBB and GSWA needs an update of the financial plan, which currently states GSWA will deposit \$2 million annually to pay for the entire lifespan of the post closure care.

c. Layon Cells 1 and 2 Closure, feasibility study

General Manager Slike presented to the Board a proposal by Watershed Solar that handles closures without soil. He stated there is a potential for Cells 1 and 2 to generate power and save money. He presented the proposal to Guam Power Authority (GPA) to review and is expecting a response. He informed the Board what



the feasibility study will entail. Chairman Gayle stated that funds for the feasibility will come from the unrestricted fund balance.

Secretary Denney made a motion to approve GSWA Board Resolution No. 2022-004 regarding Layon Landfill Cell Closure Projects. Member Montellano seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Independent Accounting System

Chairman Gayle stated that Director Birn of Department of Administration (DOA) informed GSWA is not allowed to move forward to an independent accounting system while still under the memorandum of understanding (MOU) associated with the Bond taken out to pay for Cell 3. General Manager Slike is preparing a counter letter to Director Birn for GSWA to access the system with DOA.

e. Rate Case with the Public Utilities Commission

Chairman Gayle stated that one of the things discussed was updating the rates and more transparency of where the rates go. Chairman inquired about the status of acquiring a consultant to create this PUC docket. Chief of Administration informed the Board the status of the proposals and the process to evaluate them.

VI. New Business

No discussion.

VII. Open Discussion

No discussion.

VIII. Public Forum

No discussion.

IX. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held via video call on March 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

X. Adjourn

Member Montellano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chairwoman Hemlani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.



GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor of Guam

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lt. Governor of Guam

IRVIN L. SLIKE
General Manager



GSWA Board Resolution 2022-004

GSWA Board Resolution No. 2022-004 LAYON LANDFILL CELL CLOSURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Guam Solid Waste Authority management is requesting GSWA Board approval to tap into GSWA’s Carryover FY2021 Unrestricted Fund Balance specifically the Cell Closure Reserves bank account and allocate a total of \$165k for Layon Landfill Cell Closure Projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Guam Solid Waste Authority management is requesting to allocate \$75k for the Tier 2 Title 5 Air Permit, Gas exploration, contract which was already negotiated between EA Engineering and GSWA’s previous General Manager Larry Gast; and,

WHEREAS, the Guam Solid Waste Authority management team is requesting to allocate \$90k for the feasibility study for cells 1 and 2 closure; and,

WHEREAS, GSWA management is requesting for this resolution to be effective immediately; and

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Guam Solid Waste Authority does hereby authorize its management team to take appropriate and necessary actions to fulfill the Authority’s obligations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Guam Solid Waste Authority does hereby authorize the management team to allocate a total of \$165k from GSWA’s Fund Balance for Cell Closure Reserves and ensure that GSWA meets its obligations and necessary permits.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Guam Solid Waste Authority, Guam, on the 17th day of February 2022.



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Governor of Guam

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Lt. Governor of Guam

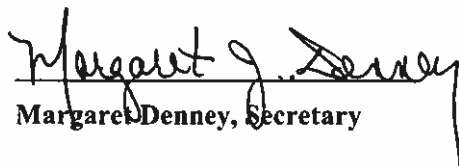
IRVIN L. SLIKE
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GSWA Board Resolution 2022-004

**GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**


Andrew Gayle, Chairman


Margaret Denney, Secretary

ATTEST:

ALICIA FEJERAN, CLERK

BY:

