

AGENDA ITEM # 26

January 5, 1999

Discuss and take appropriate action on allowing LCRA/BRA to enter into contract on recycling.

Tony Skeen from LCRA Water Wastewater Development Group and Tommy Hunnicutt advised Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Brazos River Authority (BRA) own and operate several wastewater treatment plants in this region which generate sludge (biosolids) which are typically disposed of in landfills. An alternative to land fill disposal is a biosolids composting facility which LCRA/BRA would like to build in Williamson County.

The biosolids from the wastewater treatment plants would be mixed with chipped brush and yard waste in a controlled environment ending with a completely safe finished product suitable for home landscape use. LCRA has a composting facility in Burnet and BRA in Temple. Both have been highly successful with this process.

He continued with the advantages of this process being the creation of a beneficial product from waste material keeping sludge, yard waste and brush out of the landfills.

LCRA/BRA is looking for a location in Williamson County near the Brushy Creek Wastewater plant which is a significant generator of biosolids. Feasibility studies indicate the ideal location would be the Williamson County Landfill where sludge, brush and yard waste are presently being delivered.

Access road and utilities are in place at the landfill and the adjacent land use is compatible to a composting operation with adequate buffer zones. Waste Management is fully supportive of the project and will grind and haul for LCRA/BRA.

Mr. Skeen indicated requirements would be long term lease (probably 20 years) on a 10 acre site with a small building to be used as office, storage and laboratory, paved pads for yard waste storage, receiving and mixing, construction of the composting wind rows, material curing for screening with storage for finished product along with a retention pond for collection of leach and storm water runoff from process areas along with a retention pond. During periods when the water was not needed it would be hauled off site.

Waste Management has suggested the composting operation be located in a corner out of the main operation of the landfill adjacent to the entrance road and existing scale facility.

County Attorney Gene Taylor, Commissioners Limmer and Heiligenstein, LCRA/BRA and Waste Management representatives will work together for an agreement and contract to bring back to court. Commissioner Limmer will be the contact man on the project.

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AGENDA ITEM # 27

January 5, 1999

Consider approving Sheriff's Department sale of seized vehicle with proceeds from sale to go to Drug Fund account.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To approve Sheriff's Department sale of seized vehicle 1981 Ford Pickup with proceeds from sale to go to Drug Fund account.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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