

07-11-2022 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

July 11th, 2022

Present:

Bill Lant - Presiding Commissioner
Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner
Rick Lett - Western Commissioner
Kimberly Bell - County Clerk

General Business

Commission signed and approved accounts payable in the amount \$200,123.15.

Commission held a meeting with representatives from Denali and Missouri Department of Natural Resources to seek more information regarding the "sludge" coming into McDonald County. Western

Commissioner Lett began by asking Denali what type of sludge was being brought in and used in McDonald County. Jimmy Merdis, Denali, explained the two types of sludge; Industrial Byproduct (industrial customers) and Biosolids (waste water from municipalities). Mr. Merdis said Denali is not spreading biosolids in McDonald County. Commissioner Lett asked about PFOS/PFAS analysis coming from the Denali plant. Michele Helton, Denali, stated there are no approved methods to test for PFAS.

Ms. Helton went on to explain PFAS is in all homes because it is used in products people use daily in their homes. Examples given were clothing, carpet, cookware, and furniture, to name a few. Brooks McNeill, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, stated Missouri does not include PFAS in regulatory processes and EPA has no approved method of testing for PFOS/PFAS in "sludge". Although Industrial Byproducts are considered cleaner than Biosolids, Mr. Merdis stated there could still be PFAS in the Industrial "sludge" but it would be very low parts per trillion. Jennifer Lutes, University of Missouri Extension office, stated the biggest concern for McDonald County citizens are shallow wells. All in attendance understood the concern, but Ms. Helton explained there is a water test that can be used to test for PFAS. Mr. McNeill stated Missouri DNR inspects, reviews and has oversight of "sludge" being brought and applied in Missouri. In attendance for this meeting were: Jennifer Lutes, MU Extension; Gregg Sweeten, McDonald County Emergency Management Director; Brooks McNeill, MoDNR; Neal Plummer, Michele Helton, Brinkley Israel, Jimmy Merdis, Peyton Golden, Ryan Wandersee and Charles Writer, all with Denali.

Eastern Commissioner Cope brought up the discussion from June 15, 2022 meeting with McDonald County Economic Development Committee. The committee is focused on educating the general public on the need to buy locally, as well as, bringing new businesses into McDonald County to increase sales tax revenue. Chamber requested county invest \$10,000 to assist in the effort to grow the sales tax revenue and economic development. After some discussion, Commissioner Cope made a motion to give the McDonald County Economic Development Committee the full \$10,000 requested to assist in the growth and education to buy local. Presiding Commissioner Lant seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Commission conducted general business of the county.

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Commission will reconvene on July 13th, 2022

SIGNATURES

