

Ophir Self Reliance- 1/15/20
9-10:30 Ken, Jacey, Kim and Sonja via phone

Schedule monthly changeover of compost cubes

*Ken will email available times to schedule- potentially 2nd Thursday each month, starting 2/13

Options for funding of compost management.

1 hour/week @ \$25/hr for 52 weeks = \$1300 2 managers is ideal

Enterprise fund:

Needs review during 2020

Water & trash revenue – needs to be reviewed

\$1400/yr per dumpster *1 (Ken is going to propose removing)

\$280/yr per recycling *2?

Then potentially trash rates wouldn't need to be increased and funds could pay compost management

Ken - Suggestion to waive water fees (\$170/quarter) for compost person(s)

- preference to pay through savings from removing trash /recycling with WM

Funding approval to waive funds would need to happen through the GA

Negotiation of contract (less than \$600/yr) wouldn't necessarily need GA

*Proposal needed from OSRP for compost management funding by Feb 1 for first staff budget meeting- Jacey will draft and send to OSRP for approval/editing

Compost end-product/mulch is usable by town & some people are getting some as well- Spreading the compost traps carbon, * Jacey will get Ken numbers
If end-product of compost could be sifted, then it could potentially be a source of revenue

*Ken will look for a ¾" gravel sifter for front loader, wood chips can be reused, & compost becomes sellable dirt

*Ken will research value of compost/mulch that is now being used for town revegetation

community members that use mulch – request donation, town could deliver a load in spring.

*\$25

Ken aims to try to get rid of one of the dumpsters – to save \$ on trash

**how can OSRP help educate community to help facilitate removal & avoiding abuse of use of the trash?

- this would save trash fees with WM
- efforts to reduce recycling volume – CRUSH CANS! and plastic jugs

*Ken is building a flier to help educate community on use of trash facility
- OSRP to review & support

Wood chips – Ken is making a bin on wheels will be built this week
WM doesn't have old bins
current wood chips pile is not ideal, it has lots of dirt and rocks

current compost management-
Ken – 3 hours/month
Jacey – currently 2 hr/month; better 4-5 hr/month; weekly maintenance ideal

Ken would like 3 small bays on the north side of water plant for compost storage materials

Ophir water meters- planning for 2021

Master Plan questions-

**Kim to look into potential of community solar needs in Ophir
*remind SMPA staff
*solar credits preferable to be like Paradox vs Last Dollar

survey questions can be reworded once more details are needed
9 question survey can be sent out by town at any time

Greenhouse:

was built in 1983
rotten framing-
more efficient glass
sealed
ventilation
remove ducting, put a fan in the hole
Needs to be rebuilt whether it stay a GH or not

Remodeling – if costs town more than \$600, then GA needs to approve a resolution
small grant possible through Telluride Fountaion

Grow dome would be 2 years out, so plan to do minimal repair on GH, to keep it as is
until rebuilding something different & putting up growdome

CU planning grant- Ken sent to Jacey

Tree planting

50 Blue Spruce being planted in Spring Gulch – to be a snow fence
from CSU extension office

*OSRP to plan an Ophir Town Day for tree plantings – early June

Be Happy Lands – hired for weed management; could do an educational event

*Next OSRP meeting April – toward end of April

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- van available- finding drivers in process