



To: Town Council  
From: Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation  
Date: March 4, 2024  
Subject: Generator replacement recommendation

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Attached is a proposal from Clarke Energy for a replacement generator at the Centennial Park landfill. Clarke Energy is the Town's professional consultant in operating and maintaining the generator. The generator takes the methane from the landfill and turns it into electricity which is in turn sold by the Town to NIPSCO.

This proposal includes a newer and more efficient Jenbacher generator which will be compatible with the other operational equipment already on site, transportation of the generator, site works, and engineering/project management to install the new unit for a total estimated cost of \$1,144,413.00. This is a specialized piece of equipment and compatibility with the existing connections and accessories is an integral consideration. Because of this, the purchase is covered under the Special Purchasing Methods statute IC 5-22-10-8 and the bid process is not necessary.

Approving this replacement generator proposal is considered a best practice for the landfill and the Town's continued desire to use the available methane to generate energy and revenue.

Staff recommends:

A motion to approve the Clarke Energy proposal dated February 29, 2024 as presented including a deposit of \$400,545 to be paid from bond proceeds and authorize the Council President to execute it.