

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, January 17th, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Elmcrest Country Club

Elm Room

1 Zach Johnson Drive NE

Cedar Rapids, IA, 52402

PRESENT: Terry Chew, Steve Hershner, Jim Houser, Mark Jones, Brent Oleson, Ralph Russell, Justin Shields, Susie Weinacht

ABSENT: Mark English

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Russell. Russell welcomed Houser back to the board. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the December 20th, 2016, regular meeting, Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Finance Report: McShane recommended approval of the January 2017 account payables, noting no questions from the finance committee were received. Jones moved to approve January 2017 account payables in the amount of \$303,769.25. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Officers/Appointment of Committee Members: McShane reviewed the election and committee selection process. Russell opened floor to nominations for board chair. Houser moved to nominate Oleson as board chair. Weinacht seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Russell opened floor to nominations for board vice chair. Jones moved to nominate Russell as vice chair. Shields seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Russell opened floor to nominations for board secretary. Shields moved to retain Jones as secretary. Chew seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Russell opened the floor to nominations for treasurer. Jones moved to retain Hershner as treasurer. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Russell moved to committee assignments, opening the floor for executive committee assignment. Hershner moved to retain Chew to serve on Executive Committee. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Russell opened floor to nominations for the Finance Committee. Jones moved to retain Shields to serve on Agency Finance Committee. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Russell opened floor for Operations Committee assignment. Jones moved to appoint Houser to serve on the Agency Operations Committee. Oleson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones moved to retain Jones, Shields, and Weinacht to serve on Agency Operations Committee. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: McShane provided board with a copy of the Agency audit report. McShane summarized a potential art project that would be erected at Site #1 as a memorial to the Floods of 2008. She also discussed a potential environmental management system project that would utilize goats in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. McShane provided an update on a proposed solar project, noting two bids were received, reviewed and scored, the interview process is underway, with a recommendation for the board forthcoming. McShane also noted the Agency will continue participation in the Monarch Zone Project™. McShane will send out new dates for rescheduling the strategic planning workshop.

Board Member Reports: Hershner thanked the Agency for use of Site #1 for storing sand, noting it is being

utilized combating the winter elements. Shields said he supports the projects mentioned in the director's report, noting they will benefit both the Agency and the community. He also thanked Russell for his service as board chair. Houser said he is excited for the new projects and looks forward to touring the landfill-gas-to-energy system. Weinacht noted she followed up with McShane and English regarding the Urban Search & Rescue storage situation and expiration of the lease. Oleson said he continues to hear discussion about the Sleeping Giant project and noted it will have an effect on Agency operations at Site #1. He suggested providing the group behind the project with information about Agency land boundaries and regulatory restrictions on the site. Russell concurred and suggested having the Sleeping Giant group speak at an upcoming Agency board meeting. Oleson agreed. Oleson also noted with new soil and ground water regulations in place, letting local homebuilder groups and realtors know about the benefits of using Agency compost would be a good idea in regard to water quality and runoff concerns. Jones noted the final round of City sandbag collection is approaching and the City's HHM and bulky-item collection event will be held May 6th at Site #1. Chew said he agrees with Oleson about the importance of educating residents and businesses about the benefits of compost. Russell reminded the board the strategic planning session will be held at a future date after calendars are coordinated. He discussed options for the Urban Search & Rescue facility. Russell also disclosed a potential conflict of interest with the solar project, noting that he is an investor in solar and working with one of the firms that bid on the project therefore he would be the owner of the system installed at Site 2. Russell said he is not part of the review or selection process and will recuse himself from any vote regarding the project.

Public Input: None

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.