

***Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency***

Regular Meeting, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

City of Cedar Rapids City Services Center

Five Seasons Room

500 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW

Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

**PRESENT:** Terry Chew, Mark English, Steve Hershner, Jim Houser, Mark Jones, Brent Oleson, Ralph Russell (via phone)

**ABSENT:** Justin Shields, Susie Weinacht

**STAFF:** Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Brooke Butler, Garrett Prestegard

**OTHERS:** Chris Koerperich - RSM

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Oleson. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, regular meeting, Chew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** None.

**Director's Report:** McShane introduced Koerperich from RSM for an audit presentation for year ending June, 30 2016. Koerperich provided an overview of the report, saying the Agency received the highest opinion possible as an auditee. He described the Agency's fiscal year 2016 as, "a clean year with no difficulties encountered." He noted expenses did increase due to post-closure liability and explained the reasoning behind that change. Houser and Chew asked about the closure post-closure funds. Koerperich confirmed closure post closure funds are restricted.

McShane asked the board to authorize execution of a contract with Woodruff to begin work on the Site 1 overlook project. English moved to authorize the executive director to sign the Woodruff contract for Site 1 redevelopment project in the amount of \$590,300. Jones seconded. Houser requested a summary of the project. McShane provided the summary, describing the work in phase one. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane asked the board to authorize amendment 1 to the Agency's contract with HDR for the Site 1 overlook project for construction observation services. Houser moved to authorize HDR task order 5-amendment 1 for the construction observation services in the amount of \$89,500. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane reviewed a proposed art project installation to be erected at the compost facility and on Mount Trashmore at Site #1. Staff met with artist Colin Lyons, from the University of Iowa at request of City of Cedar Rapids staff and to consider the abstract and determine project feasibility at the Site 1 location. Staff believes it is an interesting concept and is supportive in general, however, there are several concerns to work through prior to moving forward. Prestegard noted those concerns include IDNR approval, floodplain permits and wetland delineation, and the proposed location near the working compost operation. Oleson reiterated the need to have a clear separation between compost operations and the future recreational aspects at Site 1. Hershner said he would like to see more clarification and detail from the artist before hearing a presentation or considering the proposal. McShane said staff will follow up with the artist about the concerns, possible alternative locations for the artwork near the entrance and bike trail and report back to the board in March.

**Finance Report:** McShane recommended approval of the February 2017 account payables, noting no questions from the finance committee were received. Houser moved to approve February 2017 account payables in the amount of \$352,767.46. English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Member Reports:** Hershner asked if anyone from the Sleeping Giant group had reached out the Agency. McShane reported no, however, the Sleeping Giant representatives were invited and are scheduled to present to the board at the April 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Chew asked if Site 2 will be part of the pollinator project in Linn County. McShane said yes, and McShane also noted the addition of two more monarch houses and the Agency's miscanthus crop will be used as a renewable fuel at the University of Iowa. Jones said the City of Cedar Rapids bulky item collection event will be held in May at Site 1, and noted due to construction no fall collection is planned. Oleson said he had been approached by a group from the Czech Village and was working with Justin Shields and City folks about a possible grant to relocate the historic Roundhouse back in Czech Village. Houser inquired about the location and Oleson said he would have more information in the future and may arrange have the group present to the Agency board. McShane provided a solid waste related legislative update.

**Public Input:** None

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.