

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

Regular Meeting, May 16<sup>th</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, Ralph Russell, Justin Shields, Susie Weinacht

**ABSENT:** Brent Oleson

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

**OTHERS:** Alan Schumacher – Quincy Recycling

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Russell. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, regular meeting, Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** Houser moved to open public hearing on the FY'17 budget amendment. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously. No comments were received. Houser moved to close public hearing. Shields seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** None.

**Director's Report:** McShane updated the board on the Agency's tire recycling contract, noting the issues facing tire recycling, including increased rates effective July 01, 2017, collection issues due to access at Site 1, and the lack of options regionally. McShane also reported Midwest Electronic Recovery the Agency's electronics recycling processor has met contract terms. McShane informed the board that the water main at Site 1 has a low-flow problem that will require a fix. It is due to sediment buildup in the pipes that were installed in the 1940's. Foth is working on a scope of services for the water main replacement to be considered at the June meeting.

**Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Report:** Horaney informed the board about three grants the Agency has received. The first grant from the Iowa DNR EMS division will allow for goats to be used to replicate the effects of a prescribed burn at Site 2 to help the growth of pollinators. The second grant, from the Iowa DNR, is for the creation of a video to educate residents and businesses about identifying, handling, and properly disposing household hazardous materials. The third grant, from Monarch Watch, will be in the form of 186 milkweed plants.

**Operations Committee Report:** Jones said the committee met Tuesday and recommended the purchase of a new windrow turner for use at Site 1. English moved to approve purchase of a 2017 Scarab Model 20X8-BD windrow turner from Scarab International for an amount with trade-in, not to exceed \$381,176. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones said the committee recommended the purchase of a new wheel loader for use at Site 2. Houser moved to approve purchase of a 2017 Caterpillar 930M rubber tire wheel loader with attachments from Altorfer of Cedar Rapids for an amount with trade-in, not to exceed \$169,815. English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane reviewed a briefing paper about recycling services at Site 1. Due to construction outside the facility gates and the construction work going on throughout 2017 inside the gates, the site is experiencing

illegal dumping issues as well as collection problems because of accessibility. McShane asked the board to consider limiting the services offered at Site 1 to yard waste/compost, shingle recycling, and glass drop-off, while moving all other recycling services to Site 2. She noted 75% of recyclables are already taken to Site 2 and much of what arrives at Site 1 is brought in by the City of Cedar Rapids. The board asked for a recommendation from the operations committee at a future meeting, prior to action.

**Finance Report:** Russell asked for approval of the May 2017 account payables. Jones moved to approve May 2017 account payables in the amount of \$238,509.47. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane recommended approval of the FY'17 budget amendment and reported that no public comments were received about the amendment. Jones moved to approve the FY'17 budget amendment. English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Member Reports:** Jones reported that the City of Cedar Rapids' bulky item collection event at Site 1 May 6<sup>th</sup> went well, with about half of the more than 400 participants using the HHM drop-off too. He said the City is considering a new bulk-item program that will encourage residents to take advantage of curbside service. Hershner said the new bulk-item program could help prevent illegal dumping and keep the community safer and cleaner. English reported the Urban Search & Rescue equipment will be moved to their new home by July 01, 2017.

**Public Input:** Alan Schumacher, General Manager, Quincy Recycling, introduced himself to the board.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.