

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, September 19th, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center
Room 3 A/B
930 1st Street SW
Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

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

ABSENT: Mark English, Brent Oleson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Laura Routh, Garrett Prestegard

OTHERS: Mike Classen – HDR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Russell. Houser moved to approve the minutes of the August 15th, 2017, regular meeting. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane informed board auditors will be on-site the week of September 25th. Work is underway on the FY'19 budget. McShane noted the annual solid waste and recycling statewide conference is coming up in Coralville on October 2nd and invited the board to attend the awards luncheon on the 3rd where the Agency will receive an award for its monarch butterfly and pollinator project. McShane reported there will be an operations committee meeting October 17th to review operations and winter hours which are scheduled to begin December 1st.

Engineers Report: Prestegard discussed approval of a scope for a capacity study for Site 2, noting it was the top goal from the board's strategic planning session. Prestegard said the study will provide comparisons for multiple scenarios, including preliminary designs for bottom liner grades, leachate management, gas collection, groundwater management, and stormwater controls; comparing multiple final elevations of the landfill; projecting the available fill volumes and cell developments; cost/benefit analysis; and feasibility based on the current permit, expansion scenarios and other environmental considerations. He explained the timeline and importance of completing the study before the next cell design is authorized. He said the cost of the study was in FY'18 budget. Staff recommended approval. Russell asked about projected waste volumes for the next 20 years and evaluating the impacts of putting yard waste in the landfill and the gas system. Classen said yard waste figures could be addressed in the study without changing the scope or budget of the project. Discussion ensued. Houser moved to authorize Task Order 08 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to complete the Site 2 Capacity Study in an amount of \$83,800. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Report: Horaney updated the board about the Trashmore 5k held at Site 1 on September 9th. He discussed the Agency's development of new objectives in the EMS program for Recycling Services, HHM, and Yard Waste, three core component areas. Horaney also talked about the Goats on the Go project and the positive coverage it has received in local media and on social media, noting significant increases in Facebook activity. Houser asked about battery disposal. Horaney noted alkaline batteries are no longer recycled, residents can throw them away in the garbage. The Agency accepts other batteries including lithium and other rechargeable at the Resource Recovery building. Russell asked if education efforts regarding latex paint will include proper handling and storage. Horaney answered affirmatively.

Finance Report: McShane asked for approval of the September 2017 account payables. Jones moved to approve September 2017 account payables in the amount of \$521,137.93. Chew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Hershner noted that leaf collection will begin October 2nd and will continue throughout fall. He also noted facility improvements are underway at the Water Pollution Control facility to improve odor control efforts. Weinacht followed-up on Trashmore 5k and the City's approval of the road portion of the race. Jones provided more information about leaf collection. Discussion ensued.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.