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Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting

December 16, 2008, 1:30 PM

City Hall North

3851 River Ridge Drive NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

PRESENT: Pat Ball, James Houser, Mark Jones, Charlie Kress, Kay Halloran, Justin Shields, Linda Langston (1:38 PM), and Tom Podzimek (2:25 PM).

ABSENT: Mark English.

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Floyd Pelkey, Darrin Gage, Stacie Johnson, Patricia Myers, Tim Lukan.

OTHERS: Jennifer Ryan, ECICOG; Dick Stater, Iowa Waste Exchange; Brent Oleson, Linn County Supervisor-elect; Brian Harthun, Foth Environmental Infrastructure.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Jones at 1:35 PM at which time the mission statement was recited. Ball moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008, regular meeting, second by Kress. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Linda Langston arrived at 1:38 PM and assumed the chair.

Houser moved to open the public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget, second by Ball. Motion carried unanimously. McShane presented the budget and recommended approval. No written or verbal comments from the public were received. Halloran moved to close the public hearing, second by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: McShane briefly reviewed the revised EnviroGas contract and recommended not to approve. Ivan Webber, Counsel, was not available for this meeting, and another meeting will be scheduled with him on Monday, December 29, 2008.

Finance Report: Jones moved to approve the FY'10 budget, second by Halloran. Motion carried unanimously. Ball moved to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$694,907.22, second by Houser. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Report: McShane reported the Operations Committee recommends approval of a compactor purchase. Houser moved to approve the purchase of a 2006 Terex Compactor 3-90 from BHE Trashmaster Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$395,000, second by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Report: Gage reported he has been attending meetings of the Solid Waste Alternatives Program Advisory Council which is responsible for implementing the Environmental Management System (EMS) legislation passed in 2008. He said applications for six solid waste planning areas, or service areas sponsored by their planning area, to become an EMS pilot are scheduled to be available in late January. He explained an EMS is required to make continuous improvement in six areas (yard waste management, hazardous household waste collection, water quality improvement, greenhouse gas reduction, recycling services and environmental education) and will focus on environmental resource management instead of focusing primarily on waste reduction/diversion goals. Gage reported he is serving on a DNR digital TV conversion committee. He said the DNR will make electronic public service announcements and print ads focusing on responsible disposal of TVs available to all landfills in Iowa. Gage reported he is serving on the ISOSWO Legislative Committee which has agreed on legislative priorities for 2009 and he explained the priorities to the Board. Gage reported he and Agency Educator Stacie Johnson will be visiting all Linn County city halls in December to deliver new material and discuss Agency services .

Education Report: Johnson reported on her current activities including the Recycling Art calendar and presentations at schools.

McShane reported the plasma torch mobile unit is being assembled and the first week of January is target date for start up.

Tom Podzimek arrived at 2:35 PM.

Board Member Reports: Jones reported the flood debris collection contractors are gone. Ball reported the City is planning to develop an energy management plan and the co-incineration project will be part of that plan. Kress reported Marion is starting a program called Imagine8.

Langston adjourned the meeting at 2:35 due to the lack of further business.