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Regular Board Meeting

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September 20, 2005, 1:30 PM Linn County Administration Building 930 First Street SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Present: David Zahn, Lyle Hanson, Lu Barron, Donald Thomas, Mark Jones, Richard Bice.

Staff: Karmin Bradbury, Marie DeVries, Floyde Pelkey, Pat Myers

Others: Brian Harthun, HR Green; John Dempsey, HDR; Kristin Simon, ECICOG.

Notes: Quorum was determined and meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Zahn, at 1:30 PM. Motion by Thomas to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on August 16, 2005. Seconded by Jones and passed with all ayes. Motion by Thomas to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on September 1, 2005. Seconded by Hanson and passed with all ayes. Motion by Jones to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on September 8, 2005. Seconded by Hanson and passed with all ayes.

Public hearing on Improvements to Site #2 opened at 1:32 PM. DeVries introduced John Dempsey from HDR, who showed a visual tour of the upgraded site. There were no written comments. John Nieland, Mayor of Marion, said the Agency should not continue with the project because the property in Marion and a Marion permit is needed. Zahn asked if a permit would be granted if it was brought to Marion, and he also asked Mr. Nieland what is the alternative if a permit was not granted. Nieland replied he thinks a permit would be granted. Paul Draper, Marion, asked how the remaining airspace has changed so drastically, and he suggested the two sides sit down and talk about this. Ed Mullholland, Marion, spoke regarding working together. He suggested private enterprise build the transfer station. Charlie Kress, Marion, spoke regarding Plasma Torch Technology. Nancy Ziese, Cedar Rapids, spoke regarding using alternatives. Craig Adamson, Marion, echoed Mr. Nieland's comments. Thomas noted that engineers are certified to use their best abilities. Public hearing closed at 2:05 PM.

Agency Report: Bradbury reviewed the two engineering studies regarding remaining airspace. Staff recommendation is to prepare an RFP to design and build a transfer station at Site #2 and to continue with the expansion. Motion by Thomas to approve Resolution No. 05-04 to proceed with an RFP to design and build a transfer station at Site #2. Seconded by Barron. Motion by Bice to table the passage of the resolution until permission is granted from the City of Marion. No second to Bice motion. Thomas motion passed with the following voting aye: Zahn, Hanson, Barron, Thomas, Jones. Bice voted no. Motion by Jones to authorize bid letting and set a public hearing on October 25, 2005 for the Site #2 office project. Seconded by Thomas and passed with all ayes. Brian Harthun, HR Green, showed a visual on Site #1 closure. Motion by Hanson to authorize an RFP to obtain bids for supply and delivery of capping material for the landfill. Seconded by Jones and passed with all ayes.

Finance Report: Hanson reported the Committee recommends to extend the Solid Waste Rebates for one year. Seconded by Bice and all ayes. Committee also recommends approval of August bills in the amount of \$313,809.13. Seconded by Jones and passed with all ayes.

Planning: DeVries reported on the 2 bids received for the Site #2 upgrade. Motion by Barron to award the contract to the low bidder, Rathje Construction, in the amount of \$1.6 million upon approval from engineer. Seconded by Thomas and passed with all ayes.

Education: Kristin Simon, Solid Waste Planner with ECICOG, reported on the summer reading program in Linn County libraries. Janet Wilhelm from the Freedom Festival reported on the Good Clean Fun program associated with the Festival, and thanked the Agency for their support.

Public Input: John Nieland, Mayor of Marion, complimented the Agency for promoting recycling and education. He also asked what the life expectancy of Site #2 is with using the Black property. He also asked about gas capture at the site.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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