

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, September 21, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA 52302

PRESENT: Craig Adamson, Sandi Fowler, Brad Hart, Scott Olson, Ben Rogers, Greg Smith, Louis Zumbach

ABSENT: Mike Duffy, Tyler Olson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Garrett Prestegard, Celia Van Alst, Shawn Obert, Jason Evans

OTHERS: Morgan Mays – HDR, Dan Bacehowski – HDR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021, board meeting. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: McShane informed board about email correspondence received from local AMVETS group stating that their proposed flag project for Mount Trashmore is separate from a different proposed flag project another veterans group contacted the Agency about. The Agency is in long-term strategic planning and is not acting on individual proposals currently.

Director's Report: McShane introduced Hazardous Materials Manager Obert; he reviewed his role at the Agency, responsibilities, hazardous materials diversion numbers, and participation from residents and qualifying businesses.

Olson and McShane discussed the AFSCME contract. Staff, finance committee, and legal counsel recommend a contract extension. Rogers moved to approve AFSCME three-year contract extension proposal for 2022 – 2025. Fowler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane informed board about a textile diversion pilot project opportunity with Thrift World. The pilot program would allow for diversion of a material currently being landfilled. Details of agreement included in board packet. Staff recommends authorizing a service agreement. Hart moved to authorize Executive Director to sign Service Agreement with Thrift World. Adamson seconded. Discussion about offering another diversion opportunity in addition to services offered at Goodwill and Salvation Army and the one-stop-shop nature of the Resource Recovery building ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Bacehowski provided Forward 2044 update. HDR is moving forward with the regional and public partner plan with the eight scenarios presented to the board at the August meeting. Public outreach and stakeholder meeting are being planned, with Agency staff already speaking with associate member communities. Tours of alternative technology locations are on-hold due to COVID-19 restrictions but will occur when available. Next steps include analyzing costs, location options, timeframe, and stakeholder engagement. Discussion about industry outreach ensued.

Communications/EMS Update: Horaney discussed presentation made to City of Mount Vernon City Council Monday, September 20, 2021, about Forward 2044, the board's work, the transparent process, where to find information on the Agency's website, and resulting the questions.

Horaney informed board of an opportunity to sponsor the Trees Forever 2021 Woodlands Legacy Symposium. Noted Trees Forever work in Linn County helping restore the tree canopy following the derecho, including the Agency's upcoming tree giveaway event. Staff recommends the sponsorship.

Fowler moved to approve Woodlands Legacy Symposium sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Prestegard reviewed the Site 2 Phase 5A liner and partial closure project, seeking approval for Change Order 01 with Veit & Company to cover additional work, deductions, and substitutions of several items. Rogers moved to approve Change Order 01 for the Phase 5A Liner and Partial Closure project in the amount of \$139,118.52. Hart seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Prestegard discussed the Site 2 Paving and Maintenance building improvements project and resulting project changes. Staff recommends approving a change order with Tschiggfrie Excavating Company to address the changes. Rogers moved to approve Change Order 01 for the Site 2 Paving and Maintenance Building Improvements project in the amount of \$46,268.21. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Van Alst asked the board to approve the September 2021 accounts payables. Adamson moved to approve September 2021 Accounts Payables in the amount of \$1,753,842.38. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: McShane thanked the board for their guidance and leadership which resulted to two awards, one from ISOSWO for derecho response at the landfill and one from the Iowa Recycling Association given to Alliant Energy for the telephone pole diversion program at the Agency following the derecho. The Agency nominated Alliant. Fowler talked about the City of Cedar Rapids Community Climate Action Plan open house event. The plan will be presented to City Council for possible adoption at the Council Meeting on September 28, 2021. Hart thanked staff for the awards and Fowler for bringing up the Community Climate Action Plan. Adamson appreciates the board looking at solutions that will benefit all of Linn County and told Obert that he appreciated the friendly and helpful service from labor staff in the Resource Recovery building. Olson seconded those sentiments. Olson also talked about the decisions the board is making and will be making and how it will impact the community for decades to come.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.