

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, April 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency
Held Via Zoom
1954 County Home Road
Marion, IA, 52302

PRESENT (via Zoom): Craig Adamson, Mike Duffy, Sandi Fowler, Brad Hart, Scott Olson, Tyler Olson, Ben Rogers, Greg Smith, Louis Zumbach

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS: Morgan Mays – HDR, Angie Ullman – HDR, Dan Bacehowski – HDR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 board meeting. Hart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Site 2 Paving and Maintenance Shop Improvements: Olson opened the public hearing at 1:30 p.m. No public comments made during meeting; no comments were received via email or phone. Olson closed the public hearing at 1:31 p.m.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane reviewed correspondence received from the City of Marion Attorney Bullerman regarding discussions related to expansion of the Site 2 landfill beyond 2044. The City of Marion wants to adhere to the terms of the 2005 settlement agreement and is not interested in further discussions. S. Olson recapped the board's outreach with City of Marion Council over the last few years and noted the Agency is moving forward with long-term waste management planning which includes evaluating waste diversion, siting of a new facility, waste transfer and alternative technologies. Staff recommends receiving and filing correspondence from the City of Marion regarding landfill expansion. Duffy moved to receive and file correspondence received from the City of Marion regarding landfill expansion concept. Smith seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Bacehowski and HDR team reviewed long-term waste management planning work. Educational series emails about solid waste technologies were shared with board prior to meeting and again summarized. Survey feedback indicates board interest in learning more about costs, feasibility locally, odors, and tours of facilities currently using alternatives to landfilling. Project update will be provided at next board meeting.

Duffy informed the board about an opportunity for the City of Cedar Rapids to improve the grade and alignment of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail around Site 1. Duffy described the area where work is needed due to derecho related tree removal. He proposed a potential grade alignment near the Agency's back gate and river and noted alignment would improve the trail long term. McShane noted the Agency supports working together as long as the alignment does not impact operations. She concurs it would be advantageous for the future use of the area to align it while completing needed repairs. Fowler suggested ConnectCR also be contacted about the future work. There was consensus from the board to allow the Trail improvements on Agency property. The next step is for the City to propose an easement agreement for the trail alignment for board action.

EMS/Communications Report: Horaney discussed Agency Earth Day plans, an educational Facebook Live event about plastic recycling dos and don'ts. The event is tied to the Agency's Environmental Education EMS objective and target. Virtual education events with schools will also take place.

Operations Report: Evans asked the board to approve the budgeted purchase of a New Holland Workmaster 75 Tractor for use at Site 2 primarily. Hart moved to approve purchase of New Holland Workmaster 75 Tractor from Helle Farm Equipment in Dyersville, IA in the amount of \$43,750.00. Adamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Evans asked the board to approve the budgeted purchase of a RhinoAG TS10 Flex Wing Rotary Mower for use at Site 2 primarily. Fowler moved to approved budgeted purchase of RhinoAg TS10 Flex Wing Rotary Mower from Helle Farm Equipment in Dyersville, IA in the amount of \$10,518.45. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Prestegard reviewed Site 2 Phase 5A Liner and Partial Closure bid process. Three bids were received. After vetting, staff recommends awarding the contract to Veit & Company, Inc. Fowler moved to award Site 2 Phase 5A Liner and Partial Closure Project to Veit & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$7,366,777. Smith seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Prestegard asked the board to approve task orders amendments with HDR Engineering regarding engineering services for the Agency. Adamson moved to approve amendment #1 for Task Order 015 and Amendment #12 for Task Order 016 with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amounts of \$110,925 and \$193,550, respectively. Hart seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: McShane asked the board to approve the April 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$406,364.88. Fowler moved to approve the April 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$406,364.88. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane, Van Alst and Evans introduced a presentation about the FY'21 budget amendment. Budget amendment process explained. Finance committee also received presentation and recommends placing budget amendment on file. Staff recommends placing the FY'21 budget amendment on file and setting a public hearing. Fowler moved to place FY'21 budget amendment on file and set a public hearing for May 18, 2021 at 1:30pm. Adamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Hart noted the City of Cedar Rapids deadline for placing derecho debris curbside was April 19, but collection is expected to take four to five weeks to complete.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.