

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, April 21, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency
Environmental Education Center
1954 County Home Road
Marion, IA, 52302

PRESENT (via Zoom): Craig Adamson, Mike Duffy, Steve Hershner, Brent Oleson, Scott Olson, Tyler Olson, Ben Rogers, Greg Smith

ABSENT: Brad Hart

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Garrett Prestegard, Zac Hornung, Sam Eckes, Tim Lukan, Brad Godwin, Celia Van Alst, Jason Evans, Rick Nutz

OTHERS: Bill Sueppel – Meardon, Sueppel & Downer , Don McKendry – HDR, Morgan Mays – HDR, Garrett Williams

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. Hershner moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 board meeting. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Smith moved to approve the March 18, 2020 special board meeting minutes. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Directors Report: McShane provided operations overview during COVID-19 public health crisis.

Godwin discussed contract negotiations with AFSCME, noting the contract was ratified and awaiting board approval. Sueppel said it was a standard negotiating process, under the new state parameters. Both described the meetings as positive. Rogers moved to execute the agreement between the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency and AFSCME Local 620, Iowa Council 61 AFL-CIO labor contract- July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2022. Adamson seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion approved unanimously.

Engineers Report: Prestegard gave overview of Site 2 phase 5 bulk excavation project: timeline, work description, cost opinion, noted it is in the FY'21 budget, and recommended approval. T. Olson moved to authorize the Site 2 Phase 5 Bulk Excavation Project bid letting and set a public hearing on plans and specifications for May 19, 2020 @ 1:30pm. Hershner seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried, seven ayes, one nay (Oleson).

Finance Report: Lukan asked the board to approve the March 2020 accounts payables, noting several items that were not usual monthly expenses: progress payment on gas control & collection system at site #2 landfill; operational oversight at site #2 landfill; progress payment on access improvement project at site #1 recreational facility. Hershner moved to approve March 2020 Accounts Payables - \$771,341.49. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lukan asked the board to approve the April 2020 accounts payables, noting several items that were not regular monthly expenses: purchase Caterpillar 973K landfill track loader with extended warranty; progress payment on gas control & collection system at site #2 landfill; operational oversight at site #2 landfill; progress payment on access improvement project at site #1 recreational facility. Rogers moved to approve April 2020 Accounts Payables - \$1,498,942.00. Adamson seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Lukan explained why there is a budget amendment process and how the information is shared. Presentation shown that covered the budget process, revenues, tonnages, supplies and materials, and capital expenditures. Staff recommended placing the budget amendment on file and setting a public hearing. Smith moved to set a public hearing on FY'20 budget amendment for May 19, 2020 @ 1:30pm. T. Olson seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Oleson requested that at the May board meeting, the board discuss and decide whether to take a cell modification proposal to the City of Marion. Oleson said the COVID-19 crisis has shown the importance of long-term planning and the questions needs to be asked now for the long-term sake of the Agency and County residents and businesses. Oleson the Agency needs to have a plan for when the Governor signals a change in social distancing policies and the public wants access to Agency locations. Hershner said he understands the dynamics at the Agency scale house, the need for social distancing there, and appreciates the staff safety efforts. S. Olson asked for Trashmore improvements project update. Hornung described building work, new road coming in, site work and the hope for good weather this spring to keep it moving. The Trashmore trails and overlook will reopen when the construction is completed, hopefully in July.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.