

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, August 17, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency
1954 County Home Road
Marion, IA 52302
Held via Zoom

PRESENT: Craig Adamson, Mike Duffy, Sandi Fowler, Brad Hart, Scott Olson, Tyler Olson, Ben Rogers, Greg Smith

ABSENT: Louis Zumbach

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

OTHERS: Morgan Mays – HDR, Dan Bacehowski – HDR, Garrett Williams – HDR, Katie Kinley – HDR, Dan Davis – Cedar Rapids resident, Representative from Hennen Equipment Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. T. Olson moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 board meeting. Hart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Dan Davis addressed the board regarding the name Mount Trashmore. Noting the sites history and name creation, Davis asked if Trashmore projects the image wanted for it as a desirable tourist destination. He suggested Mount Treasure instead, which would mirror the site's transformation from a landfill to a destination with an incredible view and would live the saying, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Olson thanked Davis for his input and talked about the strategic planning process the entire Agency is going through.

Director's Report: McShane provided board with update on Phase Va cell construction at Site 2, showing a video about the close-out of Phase I and the digging out of the new cell.

Bacehowski presented Forward 2044 Goals, Objectives and Guiding Criteria, developed during strategic planning session held June 23. Goals include providing services into the future, programs and facilities that address the waste stream, communication and outreach during the process, compost facility planning, and evaluating alternative technologies. Board had consensus about the goals, objectives, and criteria. T. Olson asked about analysis of costs and impact on fees, possible recommendations at the end of the project, and regional outreach to potential partners. Adamson discussed reasons to act well prior to 2038, outreach to industrial users in the area, wondered if there is a need to use technology that does not meet the established criteria, and messaging to stakeholders.

Communications/EMS Update: Horaney discussed updating the Agency's website, noting the details were included in a briefing paper. The refresh will include upgrades to the appointment system, ADA compliant text options, homepage and interior page looks redesign, and an enhanced Careers section. Work will be done by Informatics, the local firm that designed the site and provides ongoing maintenance. Staff recommended approving the website refresh. Fowler moved to approve a website refresh with Informatics in an amount not to exceed \$15,120.00. Adamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Operation's Report: Evans reviewed the need for a screener at Site 3. He noted the briefing paper was in the board packet describing the process for bids. The equipment was budgeted for in FY'22. Staff recommended purchasing a screener from Vermeer. Adamson moved to approve purchase of a Vermeer TR626 Trommel Screen in an amount not to exceed \$305,058.00. Hart seconded. Discussion about derecho impact and equipment needs ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Van Alst asked the board to approve the July 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$1,994,108.10. Rogers moved to approve the July 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$1,994,108.10. Fowler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Van Alst asked the board to approve the August 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$1,733,067.68, noting payment for Phase V work. Rogers moved to approve the August 2021 accounts payables in the amount of \$1,733,067.68. T. Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: None.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.