

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, January 16th, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

City of Cedar Rapids City Services Center

Five Seasons Room

500 15th Ave. SW

Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

PRESENT: Terry Chew, Mark English, Steve Hershner, Marty Hoeger, Jim Houser, Mark Jones, Scott Olson, Susie Weinacht

ABSENT: Brent Oleson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Brooke Butler, Garrett Prestegard, Jason Evans

OTHERS: None

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by acting-chair Jones. English moved to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2017, regular meeting. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane informed board about an operations meeting and audit presentation in February. She welcomed new board members Hoeger and Olson. McShane provided update about the Mount Trashmore overlook and trails project, noting work on the trails will begin in the spring, the site is regulated by the State, meaning it will only be accessible when the facility is open for compost/yard waste operations, there are safety and check-in protocols to be followed, and special events need to be requested in advance once the facility is open. McShane discussed changes to operations at Site 1 with the shingle recycled program ending due to the Agency's processing partner no longer finding it financially viable.

Engineers Report: Prestegard provided board with overview of several projects. The Site 2 capacity study will review air space and is to be completed in 2018. The landfill gas beneficial use study is examining the best options for utilizing gas at both Agency sites and will also be completed in 2018. Prestegard also discussed a liquid waste solidification process to be used at Site 2.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Report: Horaney provided board with an overview of the Communication Director's role with the Agency, focusing on the Agency's environmental management system (EMS) and two award winning programs related to EMS: rearing monarch butterflies and using goats for sustainable vegetation management. Horaney informed the board about the Agency's new website that is close to completion. He also discussed working with the board to provide information when needed or requested. Evans discussed the Agency's education efforts, noting that more than 12,500 visitors toured the Agency's facilities in 2017. He talked about the Agency being able to tailor curriculum to meet state education requirements and how easy it is to schedule tours and presentations online.

Finance Report: McShane asked for approval of the January 2018 account payables, noting no questions were received from the finance committee. Chew moved to approve January 2018 account payables in the amount of \$340,950.20. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Officers/Appointment of Committee Members: McShane reviewed the election and committee selection process. Jones opened floor to nominations for board chair. Olson moved to nominate Weinacht as board chair. Chew seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones opened floor to nominations for board vice chair. Chew moved to nominate Houser as vice chair. Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones opened floor to nominations for board secretary. Houser moved to retain Jones

as secretary. English seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones opened the floor to nominations for treasurer. Jones moved to retain Hershner as treasurer. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones moved to committee assignments, opening the floor for executive committee assignment. Jones moved to retain Chew to serve on Executive Committee. English seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones opened floor to nominations for the Finance Committee. Weinacht moved to nominate Olson to serve on Agency Finance Committee. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jones opened floor for Operations Committee assignment. Weinacht moved to appoint Hoeger to serve on the Agency Operations Committee. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Houser moved to appoint English to serve on the Agency Operations Committee. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(Hershner left meeting at 1:47 p.m.)

Board Member Reports: Houser noted the County is preparing its budget. Jones said he asked McShane about the impact of China's ban on importing recyclables and thanked her for the information she sent. The potential of the bottle bill changing was brought up. Discussion ensued. Jones said he would like to work on a joint education campaign after the bottle bill's future is determined. Chew discussed composting efforts in Iowa City. Butler provided a comparison to the Agency's efforts. Weinacht noted the bottle bill is an important issue the board will be monitoring. She then welcomed the new board members. Olson discussed the current recycling system and the difference residents in Linn County experience compared to those living in smaller rural counties across Iowa. He noted the difficulty with messaging when changes occur. Houser provided Agency history and perspective to new board members.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.