

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, March 20th, 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, Steve Hershner, Marty Hoeger, Jim Houser, Mark Jones, Scott Olson, Susie Weinacht

ABSENT: Mark English, Brent Oleson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Brooke Butler

OTHERS: Brian Morelli – Cedar Rapids Gazette

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Weinacht. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the February 20th, 2018, regular meeting. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane discussed the Site 1 Water Main Project, noting work is expected to begin in late May or early June. Agency staff recommended proceeding with Foth Infrastructure and Environment LLC. Olson moved to authorize agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC to provide construction administration services for the Site 1 Water Main Extension project in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Hoeger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane presented resolution 01-18 Processing and Marketing Recyclables Materials Extension with Republic Services. The two year extension is provided for in the current contract and will begin September 1, 2018. Board discussed processing and markets both nationwide and worldwide as well as commodity pricing and curbside contamination rates. Houser moved to approve resolution 01-18 Processing and Marketing Recyclables Materials Extension – Republic Services. Hoeger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane provided latest information about the Mount Trashmore overlook and trails, noting the Agency is receiving many enthusiastic calls and emails about the project. Trail construction is scheduled to begin in early May and take six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Access to the overlook will not be available until the trails are completed. Hours of operation at the compost/yard waste facility will continue to be 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, adding 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday starting April 02, 2018. Staff and board discussed special events and methods of tracking visitors to the overlook and trails. McShane said a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled on a date TBD when construction work neared completion. She emphasized the facility is a regulated site being a closed and capped landfill and access will be limited due to state monitoring rules and regulations. Chew asked about the art installation that was approved for the location. McShane said the artist continues to work on it and plans to install it at a later date.

Finance Report: McShane asked for approval of the March 2018 account payables, noting no questions were received from the finance committee. Houser moved to approve March 2018 account payables in the amount of \$314,920.59. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Houser said the County passed their FY'19 budget. Olson said the City's budget also moved forward. Hershner thanked the Executive Director for work on the recyclables processing contract during difficult market conditions. Jones said the City of Cedar Rapids will resume leaf vacuuming on April 2nd. Department staff are also busy with litter collection around the city, especially along I-380.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.