

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, April 17th, 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, Brent Oleson, Scott Olson, Susie Weinacht

ABSENT: Mark English

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

OTHERS: None

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

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: Prestegard discussed awarding the Site 1 Maintenance improvement project, noting two bids were received for work that is considered routine and is included in the budget. Agency staff recommended awarding bid to Connolly Construction. Houser moved to award bid for Site 1 maintenance improvements to Connolly Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,121. Jones seconded. Olson asked if the Agency has worked with the company before. Prestegard answered affirmatively. Motion carried unanimously.

Prestegard reviewed the next steps for the Site 1 trail project, noting the need for to ensure construction work will not disturb the landfill cap and will meet regulations. Prestegard asked for authorization of task order 09 HDR for construction observation services for Site 1 trail project. Hershner moved to authorize task order 09 with HDR for construction observation services for Site 1 trail project in the amount of \$14,900. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Committee: Jones reviewed the operations committee meeting. The committee recommends the approval of the purchase of a semi-tractor. Houser moved to approve purchase of a 2015 Volvo, Model VNM64T200 conventional day cab semi-tractor from Thompson Truck 7 Trailer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa for an amount with trade-in, not to exceed \$63,900. Hoeger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones said the committee recommends the approval of the purchase of a litter fence that will be used at Site 2 to contain litter at the working face. Chew moved to approve purchase of movable litter fencing from Metta Tech of Toledo, OH for an amount not to exceed \$16,607. Houser seconded. Olson asked what fencing is used now. Butler answered and described current fencing limitations. McShane noted three fences are being purchased to gauge their effectiveness and that they are used by the nation's two largest landfill operators. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: McShane asked for approval of the April 2018 account payables, noting no questions were received from the finance committee. Oleson moved to approve April 2018 account payables in the amount of \$314,060. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McShane presented to the FY'18 budget amendment. McShane said the Agency goes through the amendment process each year, per its by-laws. The finance committee reviewed the budget amendment in detail. McShane provided a summary, noting revenues are down as well as expenses. Capital expenditures are up, which happens yearly due to equipment orders taking a long time to process. Houser asked why tonnages are down. McShane said likely due to lower gas prices and local garbage being transported to facilities out of state. Compost tonnages are lower than estimated due to fewer ash trees coming to the facility. Chew noted lower tonnages will lengthen the life of the landfill. McShane also said the new method of compacting garbage has led to more air space and shows the effectiveness of training and equipment. McShane recommended placing the FY'18 budget amendment on file and set a public hearing for May 15, 2018. Houser moved to place the FY'18 budget amendment on file and set a public hearing for May 15, 2018. Jones seconded. Olson noted the

discussion at the finance committee and how the grants the Agency applies for are also part of the reason why the Agency goes through an amendment process each year. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Oleson asked McShane to recap the Agency's conversations with the Prospect Meadows group regarding sewer services. McShane reviewed a recent meeting that included the City of Marion and said the Marion officials are checking their sewer infrastructure capabilities and there will be future meetings about the issue. Hershner noted the City of Cedar Rapids and City of Marion have been discussing sewer capacity as well. Hoeger said he received more than ten calls about renaming Mount Trashmore after an article in the local paper about its future uses. Discussion ensued about whether or not to change the name and the process to do so if desired. Olson asked about Site 1 vandalism and the EcoFest event. Mounting cameras discussed as a prevention option. Houser noted Linn County will break ground on a new building May 18.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.