

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, September 18, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

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Environmental Education Center

1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA, 52302

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, Tim Lukan, Steve Jilovec, Zac Hornung

OTHERS: Brian Morelli – The Gazette (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chair Weinacht. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 2018, regular meeting. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Directors Report: McShane introduced Recreation Coordinator Zac Hornung to the board, discussed his role at the Mount Trashmore trails and overlook. McShane said there have been more than 1000 visitors to the trails and overlook since the ribbon cutting. Staff continues to educate the public about the trails being built on a closed landfill which is regulated and has permit requirements. McShane provided updates about other projects at Site 1. Discussed that although the compost facility will be open regular hours, that does not mean the trails are open.

Weinacht asked for authorization of organizational health services training with TW Training, noting similar efforts at the City and County. Jones moved to authorize organizational health services training with TW Training for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Houser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Report: Will be given at October meeting.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Report: Horaney told the board that the Agency's EMS annual report was submitted, keeping the Agency in compliance with the Iowa DNR. The Agency's EMS audit is scheduled for November. Horaney told the board that the Agency has won two awards, the Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations Innovative Landfill Project Award for the Mount Trashmore trails and overlook. It is won the Iowa Recycling Association Green Project of the Year award for Technology: Trash or Treasure camp, that taught students about electronics recycling and diversion.

Finance Report: Lukan asked for approval of the September 2018 account payables, noting no questions were received. Houser moved to approve September 2018 account payables in the amount of \$503,398.18. Olson seconded. Olson asked about when statements are generated. Was told they are given quarterly. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Chew said he had a fun time at the ribbon cutting and it was well done.

Hershner said he looks forward to visiting Mount Trashmore on his bike.

Oleson said he received many positive comments about the ribbon cutting open house and the trails. He said he hopes that efforts will continue to be made to introduce native plants to Site 1 in addition to the milkweed already there and noted local groups that can help with that effort.

Houser concurred with the comments made about the ribbon cutting and trails and said he looks forward to an event with the board and Agency staff at Site 1. He also noted the positive comment McShane and the Agency received from IowaLive for its compaction success.

Weinacht thanked board and staff for a wonderful ribbon cutting. She said board meetings will be held at Site 2 through the

end of the year. She discussed plans for an event with the board and staff with a date to be determined. Discussion raised amongst the board about fees and costs associated with events on the trails and overlook. Oleson suggested seeing how the first year goes and then consider pursuing partnerships with Cedar Rapids Parks Department and Linn County Conservation to grow access as we progress. Olson noted the important need to track costs. Hershner compared the Agency's efforts to the closed landfill in New York that only opens one day per year. He said the Agency's effort will take study and a willingness to adapt.

Weinacht discussed board appointments for next year, noting English's retirement. The Agency's personnel committee will meet in October and the agenda is being set. Discussed ancillary services at Site 1 and the opportunity to end redundant services between Site 1 and Site 2. Will be addressed at an upcoming board meeting.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.