

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, October 16, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

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Environmental Education Center

1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA, 52302

PRESENT: Terry Chew, Steve Hershner, Jim Houser, Mark Jones, Scott Olson, Greg Smith, Susie Weinacht

ABSENT: Marty Hoeger, Brent Oleson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Brooke Butler, Tim Lukan, Garrett Prestegard, Jason Evans, Brad Godwin, Laura Routh, Celia Van Alst, Eric Schmidt, Jake Ciha, Zac Hornung

OTHERS: Brent Learch - HDR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Weinacht. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September 18th, 2018, regular meeting. Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Directors Report: McShane gave a brief presentation on the Mount Trashmore trails and overlook including site usage, WT Group recommendations and user feedback and site modifications. Recreation Coordinator Hornung provided the schedule for trail access the rest of October, noting trails are weather dependent. Houser asked about winter access risk and snow plowing; staff will follow up with recommendations trails are weather dependent safety is a priority.

Engineering Report: Prestegard presented the landfill gas beneficial use study for both Site 1 and Site 2. The study looked at options for use, including electrical power generation, direct use, and renewable natural gas. Based on current and projected economic conditions, none are financially viable to pursue at this time. The Agency will continue to improve the current gas collection systems, which help reduce odors, emissions, and help prevent groundwater contamination. Hershner noted the importance of investigating options. Jones asked if the gas quality was checked. Prestegard said yes. Chew asked if using the gas to fuel vehicles was looked at as an option. Prestegard answered yes.

Prestegard noted erosion issues at Site 1 caused by multiple rain events that need to be addressed. The Agency's engineering consultant for Site 1 sought bids and received one viable bid. Prestegard recommended awarding the bid. Houser moved to award the Site 1 FY2019 Post-Closure Repair Project to Connolly Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$99,992.30. Jones seconded. Prestegard noted it will be paid for via the closure/post-closure fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Report: Horaney presented the board with two recent awards received by the Agency. The Iowa Recycling Association Green Project of the Year award for Technology: Trash or Treasure camp, that taught students about electronics recycling and diversion. Also, the Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations Innovative Landfill Project Award for the Mount Trashmore trails and overlook.

Operations Report: Butler described activity at the landfill tipping face, described the size of the working face of the landfill, and showed how operators use GPS to achieve maximum compaction. Butler said the result is an increase in the amount of garbage compacted, adding years of life to the landfill. The increase is due to staff efforts and the engineering plan.

Finance Report: Lukan asked for approval of the October 2018 account payables, noting no questions were received. Jones moved to approve October 2018 account payables in the amount of \$578,062.45. Chew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lukan asked for authorization of City of Cedar Rapids Service Level Agreement, noting the agreement will formalize the longstanding work the Agency and City have done for each other, clearing indicating the roles each perform. Houser moved to authorize City of Cedar Rapids Service Level agreement. Olson seconded. Olson said it is a good move to formalize the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Olson said while the Agency is looking at Site 1 improvements, security should continue to be a top priority as planning progresses. He discussed the Agency's role with the recreation effort.

Hershner noted the past six weeks dealing with flood concerns and their impact on Site 1 highlight the importance of flood control. He also appreciates working with Agency staff.

Smith said he is happy to join the board.

Jones discussed A Street SW flooding and possible flood protection. Thanked Agency staff for their work at the landfill.

Chew welcomed Smith to the board, congratulated the Agency on the awards and talked about the importance of Mount Trashmore as a community draw.

Weinacht invited to the board to join the Agency's holiday potluck dinner in December and distributed a sign-up sheet. She noted the re-established personnel committee met for the first time, noting staff member Godwin is leading the committee which includes Agency staff, City staff, and County staff as well as Terry Whitson. Godwin gave a brief update. The next meeting will be in December. Weinacht said work with Terry Whitson is progressing well. McShane provided update on organizational health goals. Weinacht said ancillary recycling services will be discussed at November meeting so the Agency and City can prepare their budgets. She asked board members to prepare for a strategic planning session with staff in early 2019.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.