

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, August 20, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

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Environmental Education Center

1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA, 52302

PRESENT: Mike Duffy, Steve Hershner, Brent Oleson, Scott Olson, Ben Rogers

ABSENT: Terry Chew, Marty Hoeger, Greg Smith, Susie Weinacht

STAFF: Karmin McShane, Joe Horaney, Garrett Prestegard, Zac Hornung, Tim Lukan, Celia Van Alst, Shawn Obert, Jason Evans, Sam Eckes, Brad Godwin

OTHERS: Donald A. King III – Amvets Post #6; Emery Davis – Linn County Soil Health Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Oleson. Olson moved to approve the minutes from the July 16th, 2019, regular meeting. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Donald King III, representing Amvets Post #6, spoke to the board, requesting the board's support, expertise, knowledge and approval to install a flag at the top of Mount Trashmore. King acknowledged there are hurdles to the request, noting the location is a regulated site with a cap on a closed landfill, the lack of electricity, the need for approval from multiple groups, and that the process could take years. But King feels the inspirational nature of the idea of a flag atop Trashmore is worth the effort. He concluded asking for support, approval and help adhering to any rules and regulations that would need to be followed if approval to pursue the idea is granted. The board thanked him for his comments.

Public Hearing: Plans and Specifications for Mount Trashmore Recreational Facility Access Improvements. Rogers moved to open public hearing. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing opened at 1:37 p.m. Project was presented at the June and July board meetings. No public comments have been received since July. No comments given. Rogers moved to close public hearing. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 1:38 p.m.

Director's Report: McShane introduced Samantha Eckes, the Agency's new Environmental Health & Safety Manager to the board. McShane discussed Indian Creek Watershed Water Quality Initiative. Introduced Emery Davis with NRCS, who gave a presentation about the project and how the Agency's buffer ground to the west of the landfill will be used to help reduce nitrates in Indian Creek. McShane reviewed the Agency's farm lease where the project will take place. She asked the board to authorize Agency farm lease renewal with the addition of no till and cover crop requirements. Rogers moved to authorize executive director to renew the Agency farm lease with RJ Carson with the addition of no till and cover crop requirements. Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Prestegard reviewed the Site 2 Sediment Basin Expansion Project, noting the need for the change order due to the amount of sediment removed versus the estimate. He asked the board to approve Change Order 01 in the amount of \$9,050.19 and authorize final payment in the amount of \$80,086.66. Rogers moved to Approve Change Order 01 in the amount of \$9,050.19 and authorize final payment in the amount of \$80,086.66. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Evans reviewed recycling markets and contamination issues both worldwide and locally. He gave the board copies of informational handouts showing the correct way to recycle in Linn County and said how the message will be shared throughout the County and used at the Agency. Discussion about recycling and markets ensued.

Finance Report: Lukan asked for approval of the August 2019 account payables. Rogers moved to approve August 2019 account payables in the amount of \$408,133.38. Hershner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: None

Public Input: None.

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