

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, September 15, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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Held Via Zoom

1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA, 52302

PRESENT (via Zoom): Craig Adamson, Mike Duffy, Brad Hart, Steve Hershner, Brent Oleson, Scott Olson, Ben Rogers, Greg Smith

ABSENT: Tyler Olson

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

OTHERS: Morgan Mays – HDR, Garrett Williams – HDR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. Hart moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 board meeting. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Oleson moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 board meeting. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane provided overview of Agency operations since the derecho, covering damage at both locations (no injuries), data-driven hours, tonnages, safety protocols in landfill, telephone pole diversion and recovery goals. Oleson brought up wood chip diversion. Discussion ensued. Adamson asked about shingle diversion opportunities and telephone pole uses. Hart discussed covering recovery costs with debris tonnage. Hershner said he appreciated Agency efforts and the help it provided City efforts. Smith noted visiting twice as a customer and appreciated the pleasant customer service.

Communications Report: Horaney updated the board on EMS activities, including the submittal of the Agency's FY'20 EMS annual report which keeps the Agency in compliance with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Discussed recycling contamination, focusing on plastics, as an objective for the Agency and its partners moving forward.

Engineering Project Updates: Prestegard updated board about Agency projects, including the Site 2 bulk excavation, noting 770,000 cubic yards of soil have been moved with the next phases to begin soon. The Phase 5 liner project permit work is underway by HDR. The Site 1 gas modification project should be completed by the end of the calendar year. A request for proposal for design work for the next phase of Site 1 improvements is out and responses are due on September 17, 2020.

Finance Report: Lukan asked the board to authorize the August 2020 accounts payables - \$1,555,774.89. Hershner moved to authorize the August 2020 accounts payables in the amount of \$1,555,774.89. Duffy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lukan asked the board to authorize the September 2020 accounts payables - \$845,080.57. Hart moved to authorize the September 2020 accounts payables in the amount of \$845,080.57. Oleson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Adamson thanked Executive Director for sharing industry articles with the board and noted how the national information can be applied locally. Olson discussed future capacity and seeking alternatives. Discussion about using revenue generated from storm debris to research options ensued. Oleson gave County storm response update. Talked about having a future board discussion to explore a possible collaboration between County Conservation and Cedar Rapids Parks Department to run Mount Trashmore. Asked for discussion to be on October agenda. Hershner talked about previous diversion studies. He noted the good job residents have been doing separating organic debris from non-organic storm debris, and the increased tonnage the City dealt with curbside due to expired food. Duffy thanked the Agency for working with the City to help the storm recovery response. Olson wrapped up by saying the community is lucky to have the Agency and its staff, functioning while having to recover itself, and working to make it even better going forward.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.