

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Regular Meeting, October 20, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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Held Via Zoom

1954 County Home Road

Marion, IA, 52302

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

ABSENT: Craig Adamson

STAFF: Karmin McShane, 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. Oleson moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 board meeting. Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Director's Report: McShane thanked Hershner for his seven years of service on the board with a plaque and certificate.

McShane provided update on operations, including increased tonnage from the derecho. Video shown of landfill operations and debris unloading.

McShane summarized Site 1 maintenance shop project, with full info in a briefing paper. Noted seven bids from local firms were received. Asked board to authorize agreement with Solum Lang Architects, LLC for design, bid, and construction phase services for the Compost Facility Maintenance Shop project in an amount not to exceed \$316,750. Hart moved to authorize agreement with Solum Lang Architects, LLC for design, bid, and construction phase services for the Compost Facility Maintenance Shop project in an amount not to exceed \$316,750. Rogers seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Project Updates: Prestegard updated board about the Site 2 bulk excavation project and recommended approving a change order to address more soil hauling, compost hauling from Site 3, and access road work. Rogers moved approve Site 2 Phase 5 Bulk Excavation Project change order 02 with CJ Moyna and Sons in the amount of \$228,508.12. Smith seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Prestegard explained a request for a temporary construction easement with the City of Cedar Rapids for a City project on C Street SW adjacent to Site 1. Prestegard recommended authorizing agreement. Hershner moved to authorize agreement for temporary construction easement with the City of Cedar Rapids. T. Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Report: Horaney informed the board the Agency will be seeking an EMS grant from the IDNR for grinder rental services to help deal with the extra organic waste generated from the derecho. Spoke with the City of Cedar Rapids about addressing the contamination issues caused by plastic bags and Styrofoam. Hershner noted further contamination issues with plastic recyclables #3 - #7. Horaney discussed messaging efforts to address those issues. S. Olson discussed the sheer numbers of materials being handled during the derecho response and sharing those figures. Received agreement from staff and board.

Finance Report: Lukan asked the board to authorize the October 2020 accounts payables - \$842,559.26, noting expenditures to the IDNR and for projects at Site 2 and Site 1. Hart moved to authorize the October 2020 accounts payables in the amount of \$842,559.26. Hershner seconded. Hart asked about IDNR quarterly fees and how they are applied. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: Oleson discussed the future of Mount Trashmore as a recreational facility and a potential management partnership. Discussed taking the idea to the Linn County Conservation board and checked with City of Cedar Rapids officials to gauge the City's interest in having their Parks & Rec Division involved. Oleson said it would be a process over a period years so operating costs can be phased into another entity's budget. Oleson noted the Agency is not in the business of operating parks or administering recreation. McShane noted the sites popularity and usage when open, as well as its unique nature as a closed landfill and regulated site. She agreed opportunities for partnership exist as compost and recreation are bifurcated. Oleson said he hopes the Agency board will indicate a direction so potential partners can present ideas for how to incorporate and grow it as a recreation destination. S. Olson said traffic in the area is only going to increase with the ConnectCR project moving forward. Hershner noted it creates a unique loop opportunity with current trails. T. Olson spoke about Linn County Conservation's interest in taking the lead and supports that with the City playing a secondary role. Hart concurred, noting the City's long road ahead with its parks and recovering from the derecho. Oleson will advise Linn County Conservation about the Board's willingness to consider partnership proposals from Linn County Conservation.

Oleson asked McShane to discuss the curtain burning demonstration. McShane described the process and talked about it as a debris management option when dealing with derecho-generated organics. Oleson said the County is looking at ten to fifteen different ways of handling derecho organics. Van Alst noted the large amount of wood chips being transported through Central City. Hershner noted the City will be using some organic material for a bioreactor project, one of many uses to help divert the material.

Hershner noted when he first entered public service, the City was using curtain burning for Dutch elm trees. Hershner thanked staff and the board for allowing him to serve the past seven years and the Agency's work with its communities providing a public service everyone counts on. S. Olson thanked Hershner for being a fabulous team player who will be missed.

Public Input: None.

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.