Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency
Regular Meeting, September 15, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency
2250 A Street SW
Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

PRESENT: Craig Adamson, Roy Hesemann, Brandy Z. Meisheid, Tiffany O'Donnell (via Zoom), Scott Olson, Tyler Olson, Jennifer Pratt, Sami Scheetz

ABSENT: Mike Duffy

STAFF: Joe Horaney, Zac Hornung, Garrett Prestegard, Mitzi Brunsvold

OTHERS: Grant Harper – City of Marion, Bill Copper – Marion resident, Brian Harthun – Foth, Erik Miles – Cedar Rapids resident, Grace Nieland – *The Gazette*, Libbie Randall – KCRG, Marlon Hall – KCRG, Alicia Presto – ECICOG (via Zoom), Kyle Wehner – Republic Services (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Olson. Adamson moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026, board meeting. Hesemann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on Site #2 Phase 5B – Stage 1 Construction Project: Scheetz moved to open public hearing. Pratt seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing opened at 1:30pm. Horaney noted one email question was received from City of Marion Deputy Manager. Shared that the full public notice and project manual links on the Agency website were shared with her. No other comments or questions were received. Scheetz moved to close public hearing. Pratt seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing closed at 1:31pm.

Public Input: Miles urged the board to consider alternative technologies if that is a viable solution. Said he appreciates the conversations with many at the table and reminded board to consider all options. Copper spoke about Horaney's promptness and professionalism when dealing with Agency and endorsed him for the Executive Director position.

Executive Director Hiring Update: Olson updated board on the hiring committee's efforts, plans to engage board, stakeholders, and staff for their input. Still on the timeline for hiring in February. Meisheid requested a follow-up on previous discussion to compensate Horaney for doing two roles.

Interim Director Report: Horaney gave update about large construction project landfill tonnage. Agency staff met with QTS reps and with Google reps to discuss concerns and options. Shared steps they are taking at both project sites. Horaney reviewed resolution that would require source separation for all large construction projects. Hesemann moved to pass Resolution 26-04: Requiring Source Separation. Scheetz seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Harthun with Foth gave a presentation about waste transfer costs from Site #2, discussing capacity, tipping fees, and timeliness for implementation. Discussion ensued. Sheetz moved to authorize staff to initiate transfer station permit modifications, obtain service contracts, and develop operations plan for waste transfer from Site #2. Hesemann seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Report: Prestegard reviewed heating needs in the Resource Recovery building at Site #2. Staff recommended approval of HVAC improvements. Hesemann moved to approve Consulting Services Agreement with Design Engineers for the Site #2 Resource Recovery building HVAC Improvements project in the amount not to exceed $30,000. S. Olson seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Horaney reviewed the September 2026 accounts payables. Staff recommended approval of the payables. Scheetz moved to approve September 2026 account payables in the amount of $365,846.70. O'Donnell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports: None

Public Input*:* None

Due to lack of further business, meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.