

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

April 13, 2009

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at May 13, 2009 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach, David Resnick, Ric Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Don Vogt, Chuck Goddard, Tom
Driscoll, Bev Wagner, Mary Ann Specht

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Schultz, Nita Wiederaenders, Scott Dittmer, Chris
Polley, Kevin Cornwell, Andy Piper, Michael Huls, Warren
Shuros, Brian Harthun, Leonard Lang, Wayne
Klostermann, Joe Rettenmaier, Raki Giannakouros

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Manternach at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the timeline and bidding procedure for the final cover project of cells #2 and #3. Mr. Bamsey provided an overview of the final cover requirement, proposed plans, and specifications, form of contract and estimated costs and ordering the advertisement for bids. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve Resolution 09-03 and direct staff to establish May 13, 2009 for the Public Hearing and receipt of bids for the closure project and authorize the advertisement of the request for proposals.

Mr. Goddard provided an overview of the request to solicit sealed proposals for the sale of the Agency's 2004 Caterpillar 627G Tractor Scraper, as provided in the FY09 budget. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the bid solicitation form and distribute to potential bidders.

Mr. Goddard provided an update on the replacement scenario for the CAT trash compactor which was destroyed in the February 26, 2009 fire. He indicated that the Agency was still waiting for a settlement proposal from the Agency's insurance company. He then noted the staff recommendation for the issuance of a request for proposals for a new or used trash compactor. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the Request for Proposals to replace the trash compactor.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the proposed Loras College Education Partnership Agreement.

He indicated that the agreement was identical to the prior agreement, with a 3% added cost to the budget. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the agreement.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the memorandum and staff recommendation to transfer \$144,394 from the Agency's General Fund to its state-mandated Financial Assurance Fund - as directed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to authorize the transfer of funds.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the Waste Minimization Grant Review Committee's recommendation to deny the grant application from River Valley Nursery to fund \$103.95 for reusable bags. He indicated that the award criteria for this type of project was to only fund non-profit applicants and River Valley Nursery is a for-profit business. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to concur with the Waste Minimization Grant Review Committee recommendation and deny the request.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the staff recommendation to enter into a service agreement with Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC for a Landfill Gas Utilization Feasibility Study. The purpose of the study is to outline the gas use options for the Agency and the estimated costs and revenues associated with each option. The study is to take into account pending federal legislation regarding carbon credits and landfill gas, plus highlight any available economic stimulus funding. City of Dubuque Resource Management Coordinator Paul Schultz objected to the proposed study, stating that it did not provide for consultation with the USEPA's LMOP program. Mr. Vogt said that since Mr. Schultz had not brought this concern to staff prior to the meeting, he could not respond to Mr. Schultz's assertion without first consulting with Cornerstone. He then recommended that the proposal be tabled until the May meeting to allow staff time to consult with Cornerstone. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to concur with staff recommendation to table consideration of the service agreement with Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC until the May meeting.

Mr. Giannakouros from Green Dubuque, Inc addressed the board regarding its position supporting the revised Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 113. Mr. Jones provided an overview of the Agency's position and pending court action based on the state landfill regulations exceeding the federal regulations. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to receive and file Mr. Giannakouros' comments.

Mr. Vogt. provided a Chapter 113 update, indicating that depositions had been taken regarding the court action. He indicated that he will keep the board members informed of the status of the court action.

Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to receive and file for audit the February 2009 Financial Operating Statement.

Staff reports reviewed included Solid Waste Tonnage Report, Education and

Communication Coordinator's Report, Dubuque Area Drop-Off Recycling Stations 2008 Report and Compost Marketing Report and Recommendations.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2009, in the Conference Room at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

No public comments were received.

Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ann Specht
Recording Secretary