

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

August 19, 2009

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at September 16, 2009 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach, David Resnick, Ric Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Don Vogt, Chuck Goddard, Jerome Welsh,
Bev Wagner, Mary Ann Specht, Nancy Otterbeck

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Schultz, Mike Van Milligen, Bob Bamsey, Frank
Bannigan, Mark Ernst, Ed Faherty, Andy Piper, Michael
Huls, Warren Shuros, Brian Harthun, Chris Lawn, Ann
Michalski, Sheila Samuelson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Resnick at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 3 and July 21, 2009 meetings.

Mr. Lawn from Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC provided a verbal overview of the report regarding the evaluation of the financial incentives available for a landfill gas project at the landfill. The report was requested as a result of the 2008 Landfill Gas Feasibility Study. He indicated the analysis was separated into the GCCS project and a gas-to-energy project and also reviewed the financial incentives applicable to each project. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to receive, file and refer the report to the Strategic Planning Session.

Mr. Huls from Huls Environmental Management provided a report regarding the completion of the Waste Diversion Options Study for the Agency. His report included a proposal to increase waste diversion by up to 50% from the current rate by increasing commercial waste diversion, developing a reduce and re-use program, increasing composting availability and marketing, and expanding education on waste diversion. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to receive, file and refer report to the Strategic Planning Session.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the 2009 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update, as required by the IDNR to renew the Agency's landfill operating permit. The Agency held two public meetings regarding the proposed plan in the planning area. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the resolution to submit the Agency's Plan Update to the IDNR.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant request from the Dubuque

Multicultural Family Center to fund books and educational training. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to concur with the Waste Minimization Grant Review Committee recommendation to fund the \$700 request.

Mr. Goddard presented the second progress payment from Connolly Construction for the Final Cover of Cells #2 and #3 Project. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the payment in the amount of \$231,161.20.

Mr. Goddard provided an overview of the FY2009 funds recommended to be carried over to the FY10 budget. Most of the carry over funds consist of capital projects not completed and equipment procurement. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation to carry over the funds.

Mr. Jones addressed the Board in regard to the composting concerns from stakeholders, users, vendors and staff. He proposed a Compost Advisory Task Force be formed to evaluate the compost concerns and provide a report back to the Board. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to set up a Compost Advisory Task Force consisting of a board member, staff, stakeholders, users and vendors. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Manternach carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Jones to represent the Agency.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the application process and timeline for the IDNR Environmental Management System Designation Program, which is a pilot program to expand the scope of waste management systems for six planning areas in Iowa. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to direct staff to proceed with the application process on behalf of the Agency.

Mr. Vogt provided an analysis of the May and June Operating Statements. He indicated that the year-end revenue was below the projection due to a related decrease in overall tonnage. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file the May and June Operating Reports for audit.

Staff reports included Solid Waste Tonnage Reports, Education and Communication Coordinator's Report, ECO Smart Building PC correspondence, Faherty Inc. correspondence, Montgomery Trucking, Inc. correspondence, City of Dubuque's planned land purchase required for the Southwest Arterial correspondence, DMASWA customer correspondence and Credit Customers Notice. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file staff reports.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 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. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to recess at

5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ann Specht
Recording Secretary