

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

May 5, 2010

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at the June 2, 2010 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach, David Resnick, Ric Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Don Vogt, Chuck Goddard, Doug Hughes, Bev Wagner,  
Linda Locher

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Dittmer, Joe Rettenmeier, Bob Bamsey, Frank  
Banigan, Nita Wiederaenders, Mark Torresani, Ray Roling

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jones 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. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Torresani of Cornerstone Engineering provided information regarding the Landfill Gas Collection System Project. It was noted that the Request for Proposals was mailed out following the March 3, 2010 Board Meeting. The bids received were reviewed and the low bid received was submitted by JB Holland. Since the IDNR has not yet provided the Agency with the needed flare station air permit, Mr. Torresani recommended that the flare station be taken out of the bid award. He said this recommended action would reduce the amount of the original bid received by \$165,000.00, leaving a contract award of \$535,482.72. Mr. Torresani noted that AECOM and Cornerstone will be overseeing the project. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the Resolution to approve the Landfill Gas Collection System Project, with the deletion of the flare from the bid from JB Holland.

Mr. Ray Roling said he recently purchased a portion of Bacon Recycling. Mr. Roling asked that his firm receive the Agency's contract tonnage fee discount immediately, since he had purchased a business that is already receiving the discount. Mr. Goddard noted that the Agency's contract with its large volume customers states the business must exceed 800 tons in the previous fiscal year in order to qualify for a contract. He said that it appeared that Mr. Roling's firm would reach 800 tons by mid-FY11. Mr. Jones said the whole issue should be referred to staff and legal counsel for a subsequent recommendation. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to refer to staff and Mr. Lindahl for recommendation.

Mr. Goddard presented the Agency with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for servicing the DMASWA Recycling Drop Off Stations. Motion by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve and mail the RFP.

Mr. Goddard requested Board authorization to set FY11 fees for tire and appliance recycling. He said that in light of the April bid award for FY11 and FY12 for appliance pickup and recycling service, staff recommended that the Agency lower the current fee of \$9.00 per appliance to \$5.00 per appliance, effective July 1, 2010. He further recommended that the current fee for pickup and recycling of tires remain the same in FY11. Motion by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve lowering the tipping fee for appliance disposal for FY11 to \$5.00 per unit and not to change the tire disposal fee for FY11.

Mr. Vogt provided information regarding the March 2010 Financial Operating Statement. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file for audit the March 2010 Financial Operating Statement.

Staff reports were reviewed, including the Solid Waste Tonnage Reports. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file staff reports.

Public comment was received from Mr. Scott Dittmer stating that the Agency should consider shortening its current three month tonnage fee rebate period.

Public comment was received from Mr. Bob Bamsey of AECOM Engineering stating that the Agency's new monitoring wells are in place. He also noted that he again talked to IDNR regarding the pending approval of the Agency's next generation of landfill cells. He said that the proposal for the needed geotechnical analysis of Cell #1's side slope is on a thirty day clock and he feared time would run out before the Agency could approve the service proposal at its June Board meeting. He requested a special meeting later in May to consider and approve the proposal. Board consensus was that staff should set up a teleconference meeting the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>.

The Board agreed that its June meeting will be held on June 2, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the DMASWA Landfill Facility, 14501 Highway 20 West, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Resnick to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(j) regarding the possible purchase of real estate.

The Board came back into open session at 5:44 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Locher  
Acting Agency Secretary