

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

November 5, 2008

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at December 10, 2008 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach (telephonically), 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

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. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Vogt provided an overview of the staff recommendation for the planning, timeline and construction of a Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) as a result of the Landfill Gas Utilization Feasibility Study completed for the Agency by Unison Solutions LLC and Cornerstone Environmental. He reported that staff had met with Unison, Cornerstone, and Earth Tech regarding a future GCCS project and timeline. Staff was recommending that the GCCS should be installed after the completion of the Cell 2 and 3 closure project in the summer of 2009. Discussion was held regarding the design/build proposal and timeline. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to direct staff to draft a competitively bid Request for Proposals for the GCCS design/build project and a list of potential bidders for review at the next meeting.

Mr. Goddard provided background information regarding the Request for Proposals for a study to address landfill diversion through materials bans, development of an Eco-Park and other options. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve the Request for Proposals.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from the City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department for the purchase of additional recycling bins for city pools and parks. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation to approve the grant at 50% in the amount of \$376.80.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from Loras College to purchase additional recycling bins for its offices and classrooms. Motion made by Mr.

Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation to approve the grant at 50% in the amount of \$322.11.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from Clarke College for providing recycling containers for each resident room. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to concur with the recommendation of the Waste Minimization Grant Review Committee to approve the grant at 50% in the amount of \$689.75.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the correspondence and Assignment Agreement from Greenman Technologies of MN, Inc. in regard to the current tire recycling contract. He indicated that the tire recycling needed to be assigned to Liberty Tire Services, LLC, which had recently purchased Greenman. He noted that the Assignment Agreement was reviewed and approved by legal counsel. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to authorize the Vice-Chairperson to sign the Assignment Agreement as recommended by staff.

Mr. Vogt provided an overview of the September 2008 Operating Statement indicating that revenue was above projection due to added tonnage being received. Expenses were above projections due to increased fuel costs and early fixed expenses such as insurance payments. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and refer the September 2008 Operating Statement for audit.

Staff reports reviewed included Solid Waste Tonnage Report, Education and Communication Coordinator Report, Early Landfill Opening Activity Report, the KDCCG 2008 Eco Expo Report and the Chapter 113 Update.

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2008, in the Conference Room at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Public comments were received from Scott Dittmer of Dittmer Recycling, Inc. regarding the current financial trends in the recycling market due to the economic downfall.

Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ann Specht  
Recording Secretary

