

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

October 28, 2009

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at November 24, 2009 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach, David Resnick, Ric Jones

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Schultz, Bob Bamsey, Frank Bannigan, Warren Shuros, Chris Lawn, Kevin Cornwall, Wayne Klostermann, Joe Rettenmaier, Scott Dittmer, Paul Schultz

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Resnick 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. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Lawn from Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC provided a presentation regarding the potential landfill gas development options at the landfill and a recap of the proposed timeline and financing scenarios. Discussion was held regarding the options presented. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to direct staff to provide a recommendation for the next meeting to include the construction of a gas collection system, the proposed carbon credit revenue and financing options available.

Mr. Goddard provided an overview regarding the Request for Proposals for the purchase of a new 6,500 GVW 4WD Pickup Truck to replace #3450. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to approve the Request for Proposals.

Mr. Goddard presented a report as directed regarding the proposal to allow landfill users the option to make payment via credit/debit cards. He indicated that a 4% service fee was charged by vendors and would be passed on to the customers as a convenience fee. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation and install a credit/debit card payment option.

Mr. Goddard provided a progress report on the Final Cover of Cell #2 and #3 Project. He indicated that the project was completed and inspected and approved by Mr. Bamsey from AECOM. Motion made by Mr. Manternach, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to authorize the Chairperson to order the fourth progress payment to Connolly Construction in the amount of \$55,358.84, as recommend by Mr. Bamsey and staff.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the bids received for the replacement farm fence on Agency property. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation of Hulscher Fencing, Inc., as low bid.

Mr. Vogt provided an update on the Agency's participation the Chapter 113 petition for Judicial Review. He indicated that with the Agency receiving the most important concession, the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission's approval of the IDNR-recommended Chapter 113 amendment deleting the requirement to retrofit already-constructed cells with abutment liners or close the by 2011 and that it would be in the Agency's best interest to withdraw from the legal action. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to concur with the staff recommendation to withdraw from the legal action.

Mr. Goddard reported on the status of the Agency's Compost Taskforce, which was established at an earlier meeting. He provided an overview of the task force members which includes Agency customers, vendors, staff and Mr. Jones, as a board member. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to accept the Compost Task Force members, as recommended by staff.

Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Manternach, carried unanimously to table the discussion and direction of the Huls Environmental Management, LLC Waste Diversion Study to a future meeting.

Mr. Shuros from Foth Infrastructure and Environmental, LLC provided a memorandum to define the options that the Board members may want to consider in relation to the FY11 budget preparation. This memorandum resulted from the financial analysis that had been developed as a result of the strategic planning process and outcomes. A lengthy discussion was held with Mr. Shuros responding to questions regarding the various options and scenarios. A consensus was reached that the Board needed additional time to review the memorandum and related information, to schedule the next meeting and to continue the remaining agenda items to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 24 2009, at 4:30 p.m. 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 adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ann Specht

Recording Secretary