



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Meeting Minutes

*Sioux Falls Carnegie Town Hall, Council Chambers
235 W 10th St.*

June 22, 2010; 4:00 pm

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Heath VonEye
Nancy Korkow
Sarah Campbell
Dave McElroy
Aimee Ladonski
Greg Dix
Roger Hageman
Deb Reinicke (Proxy)
Bob Kappel
April Schave
Merle Wollman
Craig Ellerbroek

Board Members Absent:

Dale Long
John Overby
Jeff Heinemeyer (Proxy)

Others Present:

Drew Price, City of Sioux Falls Sustainability Assistant
Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling
Todd Sandman, Sandman's
Bobbi Nelson, Novak SS
Butch Hanson, Novak SS
Ken Harmdierks, Bud's Cleanup
Tom Wilford, Marv's Sanitary of Brandon
Dan & Cindy Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services
Ardell Veldkamp, Al's Sanitary
Al Veldkamp, Al's Sanitary
Ryan Streff, Minnehaha County (transitioning board member)

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

First Round of Public Comment:

None

- Dave M. -- going to move forward with Ch 18 changes to Council; drafting and

developing admin rules the next few month; not sure when it would go in front of Council, but Sept probably; depends on drafting process

Unfinished Business:

- Bob K. – Add amendment to change ordinance to allow anyone in 5 county area to serve in specific sections; Bob K. made a motion to propose we allow the clean-up of the ordinance further and potentially add amendment. Nancy K. seconded; Greg D.-- Do we need to specify who it affects? Bob- Yes, specify which groups it affects in 18-81; April S. --Would the citizens still have to be from Sioux Falls?; Bob K.-- Yes.

- All in favor, none opposed: Motion carries

- Aimee L. -- Clarified clerical error on 18-81, an amendment previously approved by the board, but left off the information given to Council, will in fact still go to Council, in the “red notes.”

New Business:

SWPB Purpose Reminder: Aimee L. -- (see attachment 18-81)

SWPB Member Updates-: Aimee L. – Would like to see a comment or two from Board of current trends in the market, news-worthy topics, etc. Thoughts?; Jake A. -- Better suited for committees?

- Deb R. – Regarding future meeting structures, we need at least two weeks notice to turn in travel notice; Aimee L. -- we may be moving to monthly, if we can reach quorum, because we will have a lot to cover in the next few months. Notice will be given ahead of time; Nancy K. -- use an online “rsvp” program to figure out when our next meetings will work best; Sarah C. -- Would committee meetings meet monthly as well?; Aimee L. – Yes.

Landfill Superintendent Report: Dave M.

- MSW disposal rate: Council did approve a \$1 increase per ton (\$32 to \$33, effective Jan 1st

- SD DENR waste tire clean-up program/grant for a few landfills as pilots for this project (SFRSL did submit a work plan for this)

, 2011); Large electronics will now be \$1 per pound, with the possible intent to move away from taking large electronics all together at the landfill;

- Grant for HHWF expansion- going to Pierre to present case for grant on Thursday, June 24th

- Considering potential 2 week collection for some residents who do not have as much waste (i.e. senior citizens); also moving to weekly collection of recyclable materials (because volumes of recyclables are just as great, if not greater, than MSW volume; Future committee discussion;

- C&D licensing (roll-offs at construction sites); potentially license everyone after we sort out C&D and MSW; different license and fee structure for them; potential discussion;

- Potential discussions on bagging recyclables so materials don’t blow out, to be discussed at future committee meetings

- Construction project cell one landfill gas installing collection laterals.

- Final cap of east landfill this summer
- Fueling station nearer to landfill
- HHWF dock expansion bid goes out soon
- Overall revenues lower than expected; expenses are being held down as well; May down 6% from past Mays. C&D down 3% from past three Mays
 - Greg D. -- HHWF funded by whom? Dave M. -- Landfill @ roughly \$900,000 per year.

Sustainability Coordinator Report: Aimee L.

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) - moving forward with energy retrofits for City buildings.
- City of Sioux Falls is the 2009 NEHA Excellence in Sustainability Award recipient amount of waste that is going to the landfill?
 - Aimee L. -- We measure from multiple angles, and trying to make the rules work for everyone as best we can, but the citizens are calling for proof that recycling is increasing in the area.
 - Dave M. -- I do prefer to watch the decrease in MSW per person per day rather than weight of recyclables; maybe we look at other options in the future
 - Bob K. -- We could be recycling more, or it could be economy and we are not consuming as much, so we cannot just go by solid waste production; this was passed by our local Council as a law, and we have to stick with this while it is in code, and use certifiable scales; Landfill staff is working hard to improve this situation.
 - Ken H. -- It will be hard for him to reach this goal if he can't get those numbers from businesses; goal was set on past reporting practices, so enforcement should still be based on those practices. Enforcement needs to change if reporting is changing.
 - Aimee L. -- We have changed a set of procedures because the reporting was not as fair as it could be; My personal opinion "13% is not a high percentage to meet."
 - Ken H. -- I cannot go force them to give me the number, but I can look at bale and estimate weights. Is that enough?
 - Jake A. -- In regards to commercial generators that have bailers- if they are a recycling operation, they should have some type of tracking mechanisms to see where stuff is coming from and the weights.
 - Nancy K. -- Small towns are not going to keep track of small amounts; Businesses are not always going to give their numbers
 - Bob K. -- This situation is a good example for the board and our responsibility to get good numbers. If a business chooses not to use one of the region's haulers, and use an outside party, we, as a board, could recommend the Council add it to the code that those businesses report their numbers
 - Ken H. -- Could (Aimee) draft a simple form for the haulers to give to the businesses to report on back to us
 - Aimee L. -- I would be more than happy to do that.
 - Bob K. -- Motion to refer this to Admin Rules and Ordinance sub-committee to review above discussion points and provide better accountability; Heath seconded.

- All in favor, none opposed; Motion passes
- Comments from public to Mayor's Office: Aimee L.
 - Mayor has received letters from citizens calling for reform in the waste hauling and recycling industry
 - Aimee L. -- Subcommittees could potentially better address a process to move forward, or acknowledge such letters.
 - Nancy K. -- As in regulating where haulers can serve?
 - Greg D. -- This concept has been heard for years in the waste hauling industry

Other Comments from the Board: None

Public Comment:

- Tom W.
 - Thankful that City is willing to help haulers get numbers, so haulers are not forced to "beat up" customers over recycling; prior to Jan 2010, haulers were told to estimate, so goal could have been artificially high or low;
 - How would electronics be weighed at landfill for future pricing? Dave M. -- via main scale and driving across, accurate to the closest 20 pounds.
 - Would Ch. 18 have to be re-presented for first reading to Council after the admin rules are further developed? Dave M. -- yes, process would start over again; Bob K. -- Even the admin rules will come before the board before going to council; Greg D. -- Tom, are you concerned about being able to comment on admin rules before they go to council? Tom W. -- Yes, but I was just looking to clarify the process; appreciates the communication between the haulers, board, and City staff, and the intent to be clear and precise with reporting numbers;
 - Dave M. -- One change that will have to be made on the current suggested changes- The incentive program will have to be pushed back due to the dates having expired already;
 - Tom W. -- How do the rules of Sioux Falls apply to the other communities by extension, since they each have their own City codes? Heath V. -- All patrons use the SFRSL so they must comply with the landfill if they are disposing of waste there; the board has not established anything that is too specific to Sioux Falls yet that it conflicts with other community codes. The diversity of board members helps alleviate any potential problems; Bob K. -- Ch 18 can be interpreted for other communities, but the agreement between those communities should be reexamined;
 - Bob- motion to refer Ch. 18 back to Admin Rules and Ordinance subcommittee to do any clean-ups since last approval and to work with landfill admin to see if any other clean ups need to occur before sending the form back to council for review. Heath V. seconded.
 - All in favor, none opposed; Motion passes unanimously.
 - Because Phil K., Minnehaha County rep. has resigned, we need to appoint a new chair. Heath V. is willing to fulfill the role of chair of Admin Rules & Ordinances.

- Dave M. – Future meeting time discussion; May be moving to monthly while; Tuesdays seem to work well with most people.
- Dave M. -- Would like to recommend a tour of the Landfill by the Board members.
- Bob K. - - Would appreciate if city admin would submit topics for the chairs to bring up at the subcommittee meetings. Aimee L. -- We will still set up agenda, record minutes, etc. but we just ask the chairs run the meeting. Bob K. -- Do subcommittees require public notice? Aimee L. -- We always invite the public to all meetings, but it is not required.
- Aimee L. -- There is a sign-in sheet at the door so please put your contact information on that sheet if you would like to receive correspondence.
 - Thank you to the waste haulers for your input, and for your patience with the City as we continue to improve recycling
- Bob- motion to adjourn the meeting; Merle seconded.
- All in favor; none opposed; Motion passes unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Drew Price, City of Sioux Falls Sustainability Assistant. June 22nd, 2010

Sec. 18-82. Purpose. (of the Solid Waste Planning Board)

- (a) Review the current waste stream of the users of the Sioux Falls landfill and investigate how the waste stream may vary in the future and analyze how current and future recycling efforts may impact on the waste stream.
- (b) Assess the availability of markets and potential markets for recyclable materials on the local, regional, and national scale, including collection sites, actual recycling operations, prices, and any related matters.
- (c) Develop plans for public education programs for waste reduction and recycling.
- (d) Develop plans and pilot projects to achieve waste reduction and recycling goals and provide economic, environmental, and social cost-benefit analysis for each project.
- (e) Assess current ordinances and statutes and recommend appropriate changes.
- (f) Review and analyze alternative methods (other than landfilling) for disposal of "special wastes," i.e., hazardous wastes generated by households and small quantity generators, waste oil, tires, batteries, pesticides, and any other problem wastes.
- (g) Make ongoing reports to the mayor of its findings and recommendations.

(Ord. No. 61-98, § 1, 6-15-98; Ord. No. 63-06, 5-15-06)

NOTICE:

According to the SWPB recommendations in September, 18-81 should have been amended to read:

18-81

(e) One member shall be selected by each of the governing bodies of:

Lake County,
Lincoln County,
McCook County,
Turner County,
The City of Madison

Please forgive this clerical oversight. The above revision will be part of the amendments that are presented before Council.