



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

Environmental Center

1017 E Chambers Street

Tuesday, June 18, 2013; 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bob Kappel, Acting Board Chair. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Bob Kappel, Acting Chair, Environmental Manager
Ken Allender, Citizen Representative
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry Representative
Dave McElroy, Landfill Superintendent
Jake Anderson, Recycling Industry Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
Patricia Herman, Minnehaha County Representative
Fred Snoderly, City of Madison
Merle Wollman, Multihousing Representative
Jamison Reginek, Sustainability Coordinator
*Norm Dittman, Citizen Representative
*John Overby, Turner County

Members Absent:

Sarah Campbell, Citizen Representative
Dennis Weeldreyer, Lincoln County Representative

*Arrived after roll call

Others present:

Shaun Feilmeier, Millennium Recycling; Jeff Westrick, Novak; Greg Dix, DJ's Sanitary Services;
Todd Sandman, Sandman Sanitation Service;

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Reinicke and seconded by Anderson to approve the meeting agenda. (Vote: Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek. Noes: None.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

*Norman Dittman arrived at 5:35 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Reinicke and seconded by Snoderly to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of February 26, 2012 (Vote: Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek, Dittman. Noes: None.) Motion passes unanimously.

*John Overby arrived at 5:38 PM

1. Landfill Superintendent report – Dave McElroy

- Reminder for the board & Solid Waste & Recycling Industry:
 - According to ordinances, waste collection times are not allowed from 10:30 PM until 6:00 AM due to the noise emitted. There have been several Notices of Violation issued in the past few weeks.
- Current projects:
 - Cell 3 and Leachate pond is estimated to be 10 to 15% complete and is currently behind schedule due to weather conditions.
 - Cell 2 gas laterals for recirculation and landfill gas is estimated to be 10% complete. The bid came in under budget due to a reduction in mobilization costs.
 - Another capital improvement project is also scheduled. There is to be a fence put up around the Household Hazardous Waste Facility as well as the leaf drop-off site.
- Operation Timberstrike:
 - There was an ice storm that occurred on April 9th 2013 which downed many branches throughout the city.
 - Operations have been ongoing since the storm to clean-up and remove the damage from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
 - FEMA has been involved and the city and contractors have been weighing and collecting the downed limbs.
 - Total costs are estimated to be around \$9,000,000 and funding will be divided between the City, State, and FEMA.
 - Tree limb grinding at West Madison has been completed and the restoration process has begun at that site to get it back to its original condition. The North Lyon site is in the process of transporting material out and that should be completed by the end of the week. The East Chambers site will begin tree limb grinding sometime next week. This should take about two and a half months.
- New equipment has been purchased for the landfill to include:
 - Compactor
 - Dozer
- MSW and C&D Tonnage:
 - MSW tonnage is down 5% compared to last year.
 - C&D tonnage is up 1% compared to last year.

2. Environmental Division Report – Bob Kappel, Environmental Manager

- Sustainability Coordinator position has been filled:
 - Over 100 applicants from across the nation and candidate Jamison Reginek was selected.
 - Jamison provided a brief introduction
- Brandi Rensch has resigned from her position as the Sustainability Technician:
 - City is currently analyzing the position description and job duties. They will be posting the position in the near future.
- Ryan Streff has resigned from his position at Minnehaha County and with this he has also resigned from the SWPB.
 - His term was up at the end of June and Patricia Herman has been selected as his interim replacement until it is finalized through the Mayor's office.
- Recodification of ordinances:
 - This takes place once every 20 years. The changes that affect the SWPB are Garbage and Recycling moved from Chapter 18 to Chapter 57. New hard copies were dispersed to the members present at the meeting.
- Membership Attendance Concerns:
 - They have reached out and have discussed with the members who have had issues with attendance. There has been some progress and this issue should be resolved shortly either through improved attendance or through re-appointment.

3. Update: Hauler Licensing Fee Renewal – Dave McElroy, Landfill Superintendent

- Discussions continued with Environmental Manager and a rough estimate has been established. The administrative duties and oversight for 25 haulers, costs the City Of Sioux Falls \$4,800 to \$5,000 dollars annually per hauler.
- Current costs for licensing fees are \$50.00 per renewal and \$100.00 for initial licensing. Currently the administrative costs are retrieved through the tipping fee.

A Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Reinicke to send this information back to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee for review:

Discussion:

- Neuroth: Would tipping fees be reduced at the landfill?
- Kappel: They would be reduced due to the revenue provided by the new license fees but it would be nominal.
- McElroy: Agreed that the change would be minimal in tipping fee reduction throughout a year. This may be reduced by less than a one dollar a ton.

(Vote Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek, Dittman, Overby. Noes: None.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Sustainability Report- Jamison Reginek, Sustainability Coordinator

- Transitional period for the Sustainability Program:

- With the departure of the previous Sustainability Technician, and the arrival of the new Sustainability Coordinator, there will be significant changes occurring throughout the program. There will also be a learning curve as with any transition.
 - Upcoming Projects:
 - Parks and Rec Recycling Efforts Survey has taken place and those findings are to be presented to the Parks and Rec sometime next week. This report highlights current conditions as well as makes suggestions on improvements.
 - Green Pledge a Citizens Program:
 - This is in the early stages and they are working to develop a residential pledge program that highlights efforts like waste minimizations as well as recycling within the pledge.
 - Eventually this will roll out to other areas in Sioux Falls and the plan is to incorporate a commercial certification process.
- 5. Update Inconspicuous Containers: Dave McElroy Landfill Superintendent**
 - Research has been performed and a draft matrix was distributed to the SWPB:
 - There are very few Pro's produced within this document as the wording is difficult to enforce.
 - McElroy requests feedback from the board:
 - There was no immediate feedback.
 - Kappel: Any future feedback can be sent to Reginek or McElroy
- 6. Update Plastic Workgroup: Jake Anderson Recycling Industry Representative**
 - No new information to report at this time:
 - Anderson: Future discussions will be made with the new Sustainability Coordinator.
- 7. Public Education and Outreach: Bob Kappel Environmental Manager**
 - Bob Kappel relayed we have been more aggressive on our public education media campaign this year. Described our efforts in television and radio markets. The three primary topics so far this year have been Single-Stream recycling, general recycling and acceptance of cartons, and on household hazardous waste management. These commercials were played for the SWPB.
 - In the future these commercials will be shared with the SWPB so those members that reside out of the area are able to get a good idea of the advertising efforts performed.

Motion made by Kappel and seconded by McElroy to make standing reports from the following groups: Environmental, Landfill, Sustainability, and Recycling Industry to the SWPB meeting agendas (Vote Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek, Dittman, Overby. Noes: None.) Motion passes unanimously.

Motion was made by Allender and seconded by Herman to add Citizen Representative report to the aforementioned List: (Vote Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek, Dittman, Overby. Noes: None.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

8. MRF Update: Shaun Feilmeier Millennium Recycling Representative

- New carton recycling available:
 - The facilities have worked hard to get this as a newly accepted waste stream. These materials are for plastic lined materials and do not include wax lined materials.
- Ecomaniacs:
 - They are coordinating several events and have had significant participation.
- Educational Outreach
 - They have produced an updated brochure that includes the new modifications at their site.
- Bargain Bytes Recycling:
 - This is a new facility and business that has branched out from Millennium recycling.
 - They have recently attained their E-Stewards Certification and are awaiting formalities to receive their certificate. They will be the first E-Stewards certified facility in the State of SD. They are also R2 and ISO 14001 certified as well as an Intel approved re-furbisher. They are also a NAID member.

9. Household Hazardous Waste Facility Update: Jamison Reginek Sustainability Coordinator

- Presented information regarding the 2012 HHWF highlights which include:
 - The newly tracked category of Vendor Recycled Material. This more accurately reflects the total usage of the HHW Facility.
 - New HHW management techniques that have been used at the facility. This has created additional cost savings of around \$20,000 annually.

10. Other Business

- Kappel: Citizen complaint that addresses light-weight recyclables blowing away and the need to bag all recyclables:
 - Overall City perspective it is not perceived to be a major problem.
 - SWPB discussions concluded that single stream was established to make recycling easier for the public and that requiring bags would be counterproductive to this effort and no motions or actions were requested by the board.

Motion was made by Allender and seconded by McElroy for the SWPB to evaluate the options of reducing hauler traffic through individual neighborhoods.

Motion was made by Kappel and seconded by McElroy to amend Allender's motion to develop a work group that evaluates the options at reducing hauler traffic in individual

neighborhoods. (Vote: Yeses: Allender, McElroy, Anderson, Herman, Reginek. Noes: Neuroth, Korkow, Reinicke, Snoderly, Wollman, Overby.) **Motion fails.**

Allender's original Motion (Vote: Yeses: Allender, McElroy, Anderson, Reginek. Noes: Neuroth, Korkow, Reinicke, Snoderly, Herman, Wollman, Overby.) **Motion fails.**

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Reinicke and seconded by McElroy to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. (Vote Yeses: Allender, Neuroth, McElroy, Anderson, Korkow, Reinicke, Herman, Snoderly, Wollman, Reginek, Overby. Noes: None.) **Motion passes unanimously.**