



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

*Downtown Library
200 N Dakota Avenue
Tuesday, April 26, 2016; 6:30 pm*

Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 6:30 pm by Jessica Lantgen, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Jessica Lantgen, Sustainability Coordinator
Jake Anderson, Recycling Industry
Representative
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry
Representative
Dustin Hansen, SFRSL Superintendent
Mick Miller, Turner County Representative
Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater
Manager
Anthony Pizer, Citizen Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Representative
*Greg Bertsch, Business Community
Representative
Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative

Members Absent:

Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning
Representative

*Arrived after roll call

Greg Bertsch, Business Community
Representative

Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste; Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling; Diane Best, Legal Advisor to Sioux Falls Public Works; Troy Lambert, Environmental and Sustainability Technician.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jake Anderson and seconded by Anthony Pizer to approve the meeting agenda.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Miller, J. Anderson, Berg, Neuroth, Bertsch, Korkow, Swenson, Pizer, Hansen, Reinicke, Hanson, 11. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Deb Reinicke and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of January 26, 2016.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Miller, J. Anderson, Berg, Neuroth, Bertsch, Korkow, Swenson, Pizer, Hansen, Reinicke, Hanson, 11. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

Introduction—Jessica Lantgen, Sustainability Coordinator

Continuing Business

1. Landfill Report – Dustin Hansen
 - 1st Quarter 2016 MSW tonnage = 38,000 (up 4% from 1st Quarter 2015)
 - 1st Quarter 2016 C&D tonnage = 12,000 (up 7% from 1st Quarter 2015)
 - Installation of LFG recirculation lateral to begin May 9th. May impact some disposal days. Project completion scheduled for the end of June.
 - Waste characterization study will start the week of May 9th. One truck will be picked every two hours Monday-Saturday.
 - Refuse dry fuel demonstration this summer.
 - Highway Cleanup event had over 40 volunteers and collected nearly 3,500 pounds of garbage.

2. Environmental Report – Jessica Lantgen, Sustainability Coordinator
 - Cindy Neuroth has been reelected as the Hauling Industry Representative.
 - Nancy Korkow remains the McCook County representative.
 - County representatives have indefinite terms.
 - Ken Allender has resigned from the board as citizen representative.
 - A news release to fill the vacant Citizen Representative position went out the week of April 18th. At the time of the meeting, applications were still being accepted.
 - SD Multi-housing Association Representative remains vacant.
 - A vendor for the recycling stickers has been chosen. The sticker size will be 4x6 horizontal.
 - There are some issues with the proof that need correcting before the stickers will be printed. Stickers should be available in 3 weeks.
 - The 2016 recycling goal is 23.6% with an 18.88% standard.
 - Sioux Falls Sanitation did not meet the 2015 recycling standard and an NOV was sent.
 - An estimated 500 tons of recyclable material is processed through the MRF's and is not claimed. Direct shipment or customer accounts may be causing this discrepancy. Haulers were asked to work with their MRF's and businesses to claim this material.

3. Recycling Industry Report – Jake Anderson, Millennium Recycling
 - Commodity markets remain static with weak global demand
 - No change for the foreseeable future

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth
 - Single stream recycling education has gone over well with customers.
 - Styrofoam is still a significant problem in recycling.
 - Request that the City does more education in the spring and fall about dirt, grass, leaves, plastic toys, and metal not being recyclable in single stream.
 - MRF's are charging haulers for glass so it is becoming unfeasible to collect it from large glass producers (bars).
 - Yard waste should not have as significant impact on recycling goals as single stream material. Some haulers are using yard waste as the majority of their recyclable material.

5. Citizen Representative Report
 - Recycling bins are filling up faster.
 - Would be nice to see weekly recycling.
 - Residents are encouraged to talk with their hauler on the frequency of recycling pick-up and/or the size or number of recycling bins they have.

Unfinished Business

1. 2016 Board Priorities Jessica Lantgen
 - Pilot a produce organics collection program
 - Hy-Vee approached the City in 2015 about the possibility of recycling pre-consumer produce waste.
 - Currently working with the State and Ag Department for approval.
 - If the produce material was mixed in with the current yard waste the Ag Department would consider the compost commercial fertilizer which would require extensive testing.
 - Pilot program may be available by June for pre-consumer produce waste.
 - Nationwide, the industry is growing, but contamination remains a significant hurdle.
 - Great Plains Zoo would like to compost their manure with the same program.
 - Outlet for compost/fertilizer would be needed before pilot program could start.
 - Update at the next SWPB Meeting.
 - Pilot a residential scrap metal recycling program
 - What does this program look like? Pilot area or weekend drop-off event?
 - Collection program at the HHWF would be unfeasible with current staffing.
 - Haulers have not seen significant quantities of scrap metal coming from their customers.
 - Board had no objections to piloting a public drop-off event.
 - Update at the next SWPB Meeting
 - Revise the recycling incentive rate from 50% to a tiered approach to make it easier for haulers to be rewarded for exceeding the goal
 - Incentive goal has not been reached by any hauler in the last two years.

- Current incentive is 50% over the recycling goal.
- Tier based approach starting at 10% over recycling goal may be considered.
- Jessica proposes to send this topic to the Ordinance Review Sub-committee (ORS).

A motion was made by Jake Anderson and seconded by Deb Reinicke to allow the ORS to review and revise the recycling incentive rate.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Miller, J. Anderson, Berg, Neuroth, Bertsch, Korkow, Swenson, Pizer, Hansen, Reinicke, Hanson, 11. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

New Business

- No New Business

Other Business

- No Other Business

Public Input

1. Dan Neuroth inquired if the same company that Walmart uses to haul/process their organic waste would work for the City's organics program.
 - Dustin Hansen informed the board that it may be an option, but also believed that it could remain a SFRSL program.
2. Laurie Cressman raised concerns about glass contaminating her single stream and making it difficult to process the other recycling effectively. She would like to see glass removed from the single stream.
 - Anthony Pizer confirmed Laurie's concerns about glass from his time working with City Carton Recycling which banned glass from their single-stream recycling operations.
 - Doug Swenson, Dan Neuroth, and Cindy Neuroth felt that banning glass from the single stream would be a step backward and would require reeducating the public.
 - Jake Anderson stated that Millennium Recycling has had no issues with glass at their facility.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Swenson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Miller, J. Anderson, Berg, Neuroth, Bertsch, Korkow, Swenson, Pizer, Hansen, Reinicke, Hanson, 11. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**