



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

Downtown Library

200 N. Dakota Ave.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017; 5:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 pm by Jessica Sexe, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Jessica Sexe, Sustainability Coordinator
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry
Representative
Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative
Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
Benjamin Tiensvold, Citizen Representative
**Barbara Burnley-Hamer, Citizen
Representative
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning
Representative
Lyle Van Hove, Turner County Representative
Dustin Hansen, SFRSL Superintendent
Greg Bertsch, Business Community
Representative
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
**Bruce Williams, Recycling Industry
Representative

Members Absent:

Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater
Manager
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Representative
Gerald Gerken, SD Multi-Housing Association

**Newly Elected, Non-voting Member for Qtr. 4

Others present:

Todd Sandman, Sandman Sanitation; Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste; Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling; Luke Rodig and Michael Cook, Burns McDonnell; Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Diane Best, Legal Advisor for City of Sioux Falls Public Works.

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 July 25, 2017.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Reinicke, Swenson, Tiensvold, S. Anderson, Van Hove, Hansen, Bertsch, Hanson. 9. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Hanson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Reinicke, Swenson, Tiensvold, S. Anderson, Van Hove, Hansen, Bertsch, Hanson. 9. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

Introduction—Jessica Sexe

1. New Board Member Introductions
 - a. Lyle Van Hove, Turner County Representative
 - b. Barbara Burnley-Hamer, Citizen Representative
 - c. Benjamin Tiensvold, Citizen Representative
 - d. Bruce Williams, Recycling Industry Representative

Continuing Business

1. Landfill Report – Dustin Hansen
 - MSW tonnage to date
 - 138,000 tons
 - Up 6% from last year at this time
 - C&D tonnage to date
 - 55,000 - 56,000 tons
 - Down 28% from last year at this time
 - 2018 Hauler Licenses
 - Applications have been sent out and are due December 1st, 2017
 - 2018 Projects
 - Forced Leachate Main Installation
 - Expand Yard Waste / Compost Area
2. Environmental Report – Jessica Sexe
 - HHW 3rd Quarter 2017 Data
 - HHW reuse is down ~36,500 pounds compared to the 3rd quarter of 2016
 - HHW recycling is down ~34,000 pounds compared to the 3rd quarter of 2016
 - Electronics recycling is down ~140,000 pounds compared to the 3rd quarter of 2016
 - HHW Facility visits remained the same compared to the 3rd quarter of 2016
 - Recycling education
 - Classroom/Community outreach
 - Lincoln County
 - Edison Middle School
 - Roosevelt High School
 - Recycling Bin Stickers Available

- Overall YTD Recycling Rate as of September:
 - 22.6% w/ yard waste
 - 21% w/o yard waste
- Quarterly reports will be sent out mid November
- Resource Recycling Conference August 28-30 Recap
 - The August Conference in Minneapolis Focused on Five Key Topics
 - Measurement
 - Variability in performance measuring for materials management
 - GHG emissions, capture rate vs. recycle rate, waste characterization study, LCA & non-tonnage based measurement
 - China’s National Sword
 - Conversations are still ongoing with China so potential impacts are still unclear
 - In the meantime, greater emphasis on quality of the material stream and development of domestic markets for recyclable materials
 - Contamination
 - Public Education
 - EPA focus on Sustainable Materials Management
 - MN Representative Keith Ellison & EPA Barnes Johnson spoke

3. Recycling Industry Report

- Markets
 - Fiber markets are still there but as of the beginning of October the value has decreased
 - No market for 3-7 plastic
 - Glass markets have remained stable
- China’s National Sword
 - Reduced OCC markets especially on the coast
 - Will hopefully inspire innovation in U.S. and increase domestic markets

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- Haulers are concerned that recycling prices may go up with the current markets and that they may have to pass the costs onto the customers.
- Educate citizens that haulers do not get paid for recycling
- City should increase PSAs on the importance of a clean recycling stream
 - Mention only what should be recycled and not what shouldn’t be

5. Citizen Representative Report – Doug Swenson

- Clarification on what is and is not recycling still a concern
- No complaints regarding services

6. Business Representative Report - Greg Bertsch

- Commercial recycling has plateaued
- Diversion of food waste is an opportunity and may fit within a broader organics composting program.
 - Challenges still remain at the state level

- Will improve in time
- C&D Diversion Challenges
 - Contractors and Haulers have various methods of handling C&D
 - Look into developing a catalog of best management practices for C&D material

Unfinished Business

1. 2017 Board Initiatives

- Update and review improvements to Chapter 57 – Jessica Sexe
 - City is in the process of reviewing and updating ordinance language
 - Any suggested Chapter 57 revisions should be sent to Jessica
 - Will send suggested changes to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee (ORS)
 - Newly selected members of the ORS are as follows:
 - Deb Reinicke
 - Cindy Neuroth
 - Bruce Williams
 - Greg Bertsch
 - Barbara Burnley-Hamer
 - Jessica Sexe
- Improve recycling at convenience stores – Ben Tiensvold
 - Sent and received a three-month survey from the gas station manager
 - Limit information was given on the survey
 - The survey was revised to be multiple-choice instead of short answer
 - Bruce Williams visited the gas station and noted some concerns with container placement and servicing.
 - Meeting will be scheduled with the store director and gas station manger
 - Next steps will be determined after meeting

New Business

- Set 2018 Schedule
 - Deb Reinicke suggested the board meet every other month instead of quarterly.
 - The last Tuesday of the month remains suitable for the majority of the board.
 - Survey will be sent to board members to finalize the 2018 meeting schedule.
- Hauler FAQs Webpage/Resources
 - Website is being finalized and should be live soon

Other Business

1. Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) Update – Dustin Hansen
 - Nearing completion
 - Key topics
 - Waste projections
 - Feasibility of an additional transfer station
 - Waste to energy facility
 - Organized collection

- Plan will be sent to the City Council for review towards the end of November

Public Input

- Add a county representative report section to the SWPB meeting.
- Increased level of garbage being dumped in ditches in Turner County and near Tea.
- Minnehaha County approved the landfill's Solid Waste Permit for the next five years.
- Develop a short educational video that citizens must watch in order to get the landfill free pass.
- Increase of liquid paint being disposed of in the garbage. Policy change at HHW to accept all amounts paint?
- Implement HHW drop-off events for surrounding counties so that they do not need to come to Sioux Falls.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Doug Swenson to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Reinicke, Swenson, Tiensvold, S. Anderson, Van Hove, Hansen, Bertsch, Hanson. 9. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**