Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 pm by Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater Manager. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:
- Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater Manager
- Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry Representative (Arrived after Roll Call)
- Benjamin Tiensvold, Citizen Representative
- Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative
- Barbara Burnley-Hamer, Citizen Representative
- Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent
- Greg Bertsch, Business Community Representative (Arrived after Roll Call)
- Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
- Nancy Korkow, McCook County Representative

Members Absent:
- Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
- Lyle Van Hove, Turner County Representative
- Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning Representative
- Bruce Williams, Recycling Industry Representative

Others present:
- Mike Herbst, Novak Sanitary Service
- Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling
- John Cressman, Cressman Sanitation
- Jesse Cody, Waste Management
- Todd Sandman, Sandman’s Sanitation
- Jesse Dewitt, A-OK Sanitary
- Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services
- Eric Bogue, Legal Advisor to City of Sioux Falls Public Works
- Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works
- Holly Meier, City of Sioux Falls Public Works

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Doug Swenson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote to approve: Yes, Neuroth, Bertsch, Swenson, Korkow, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Hanson. 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, Berg, 1. **Motion passed.**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Doug Swenson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of October 29, 2019.

Vote to approve: Yes, Neuroth, Bertsch, Swenson, Korkow, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Hanson. 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, Berg, 1. **Motion passed.**

**Introduction**

1. Holly Meier will be assuming role of Sustainability Coordinator and will be chairing meetings going forward.

**Continuing Business**

2. Landfill Report – Don Kuper
   - 4th Quarter MSW tonnage
     - Up 4.9% from 4th Quarter 2018
   - 4th Quarter C&D tonnage
     - Down 3,000 tons from 4th Quarter 2018
   - Projects/Updates
     - Landfill gas and leachate
     - Replace six vertical wells
     - Add collection lines to active MSW area
     - Cell four excavation to begin
     - Detours likely to avoid hauler/construction cross traffic
     - Construction will last all summer and into fall
     - Grant application for new waste shredder
       - Awaiting council approval
       - C&D Shredding
       - Increase efficiencies
     - Minnesota’s Landfill Operators Conference in St. Cloud, MN
       - Don will be presenting on wind turbine blade disposal

3. Environmental Report – Andy Berg
   - HHW Data
     - HHW recycled up 38,000lbs from 2018
     - E-Waste recycled down 40,000lbs from 2018
     - Facility visits up 3,000 from 2018
     - Since 2004, over 21 million pounds of e-waste recycled and HHW diverted
   - Environmental Education
     - Roosevelt HS presentations – December, 2019
     - KELOLAND Living – 12/30/19
Dakota News Now – 1/27/20

- Sustainability Community Partner Grant opened February 3rd.
- It’s Easy to Make an Impact campaign

Recycling
- Annual reports will be sent out in late February
- 2020 recycling goal will be announced in March
- Recycling reporting process review
  - Possible subcommittee

2019 Recap
- License Capping Task Force and Recommendation
  - Bring forward in early 2020
  - Present Solid Waste Master Plan to Council first
- Recycling Education campaign
  - It’s Easy to Make an Impact launched October 2019
  - Phase 4 – Implementation
  - Bin stickers and magnets at Environmental Center

2020 Goals and Initiatives
- Send ideas for initiatives to Holly (hmeier@siouxfalls.org) by March 2, 2020
- Board will vote on 1-2 to consider for 2020
- Discuss next steps at 2nd quarter meeting on Tuesday, April 28th

2020 Meeting Dates
- Q2 – Tuesday, April 28th
- Q3 – Tuesday, July 28th
- Q4 – Tuesday, October 27th

4. Recycling Industry Report
   - Markets
     - Cardboard holding at price level it has been for multiple months and other fiber still at record lows
     - High grade paper has dropped over the last couple months
     - Overall markets remain stable
     - Material is moving even though markets remain down

5. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth
   - No Report

6. Citizen Representative Report – Ben Tiensvold
   - No Report

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business

New Business
1. County Reports
   - Lake
     • No Report
   - Lincoln
     • 400 tons of MSW/week to landfill
     • Overall consistent material flow
   - McCook
     • No Report
   - Minnehaha
     • No Report
   - Turner
     • No Report

Other Business

1. Recycling Education Campaign Update
   - Working with consultant on implementation through 2020
     • Social media push for February
     • Educational videos and public outreach to follow

2. Open Board Position
   - SD Multi-Family Housing Representative
     • News release will be sent out
     • Have had someone express interest to fill position
     • Hopefully filled by 2nd Quarter meeting

3. Seat Terms Expiring 2020
   - Bruce Williams, Oct. 2020
   - Barbara Burnley-Hamer, Oct. 2020
   - Benjamin Tiensvold, Oct. 2020

4. Gas Station Recycling Pilot Update
   - Hy-Vee withdrew from the pilot due to concerns over un-bagging the material.
   - Bins have been pulled and stored
   - Rental agreements going forward will include language to remove material from bags before collection
   - 30-40 bins available to any business wishing to utilize them

Public Input

- Concern over the bagging of material/plastic bags
  • Continued education
- Constant changes in what’s recyclable makes education difficult and printed information obsolete
- Discussion over plastic bag ban legislation
  • Communities/municipalities cannot ban single use plastic items
  • Businesses can still elect to not offer plastic items to customers
- Contaminated loads
  • Becoming more prevalent and costly for haulers
  • Costs are passed on to customers/residents
• Difficult to coordinate between hauler, MRF and City
  – Concerned that the information discussed or input brought up at board meeting are not shared with decision makers
  • Concerns are discussed with administration
  • Ordinance changes go through SWPB
  – Why is it important to recycle, what are the benefits, and why is it mandated
    • Less volume going to the landfill, increases landfill lifespan and reduce costs.
    • Cost savings are not directly seen by customers as their bills keep increasing.
    • City needs to address the “why” just as much as the “how”
    • “Don’t be the one person that ruins it for the rest”
  – Has the City considered incineration?
    • Have not looked into incineration due to high capital cost
    • Changes in state law would likely be required as well
    • Have looked into other waste diversion strategies like waste to energy

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Doug Swenson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm

Vote to approve:  Yeses, Neuroth, Swenson, Korkow, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Hanson. 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, Berg, 1. Motion passed.