



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

Downtown Library

200 N Dakota Avenue

Tuesday, February 4, 2020; 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 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: Yeses, 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: Yeses, 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.**