



***City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste  
Planning Board Minutes  
Downtown Library  
200 N Dakota Avenue  
Monday, January 24, 2022; 5:30 pm***

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:31 by Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry  
Representative  
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent  
Ron Sauby, South Dakota Multi-Family  
Housing Association Representative  
Holly Meier, City of Sioux Sustainability  
Coordinator  
Tim Edman, Citizen Representative  
Barbara Hamer, Citizen Representative  
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative  
Joshua Peterson, Environmental Services  
Manager City of Sioux Falls  
Greg Bertsch, Business Community  
Representative

Members Absent:

Mark Kaufman, Turner County  
Representative  
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning  
Representative  
Nancy Korkow, McCook County  
Representative  
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative  
Shannon Dwire, Recycling Industry  
Representative

Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Jesse Dewitt, A-Ok Sanitary, Tim Deppe, Pat  
Draisey and Chris Wende, Novak Sanitary Service; John Cressman, Cressman Sanitation; Todd  
Sandman, Sandman's Sanitation; Greg Engler, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office; Mackenzie  
Songstad City of Sioux Falls Public Works, Jill Vanderbush, City of Sioux Falls Public Works;  
Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works

## **Approval of Agenda**

**A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Barbara Hamer to approve the agenda as presented.**

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Neuroth, Kuper, Bertsch, Meier, Hanson, Sauby 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Jon Hanson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for quarter 4.**

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Neuroth, Kuper, Bertsch, Meier, Hanson, Sauby 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

## **Introduction**

1. Board Update – Holly Meier
  - The board meetings will now follow the same guidelines that City Council public input method follow. For every agenda item- if anyone from the public is here to speak to that item- they have the floor. One by one, until everyone from the audience has had a chance to speak. After that we go to the board and open it up for discussion. At the end of new business items, open the floor to broader public input. Input for each agenda item- should be aimed towards that agenda item. Input beyond that agenda item should be saved for the end of the meeting for public input section.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business

## **Continuing Business**

1. Landfill Report – Don Kuper
  - MSW tonnage for 2021
    - 211,700(6.5 % increase from 2020)
  - C&D tonnage for 2021
    - 77,500 (13% increase from 2020)
  - Updates
    - Airspace Utilization Report
      - MSW AUF trending substantially higher from 2020 at 1630 lb/cy
      - C&D AUF was trending a little lower at 1056 lb/cy resulting in C&D working face relocation to a new area but should be back on track now.
    - 2022 Projects
      - Cell 4 construction
      - New scale house and convenience area conceptual and final design

- South shop upgrades design
- LFG sales were up from 2020. POET didn't have any extended shut down times outside of their normal scheduled maintenance.
- No tipping fee or flat fee increases for 2022-2023
- Current open Landfill positions:
  - FT Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator
  - PT Landfill Heave Equipment Operator
  - PT Public Drop-off Attendant

## 2. Environmental Report – Holly Meier

### – Recycling Update

- Additional Claims for 2021 due by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 2021 Goal: 22.1%
- Standard: 17.7%
- Haulers that do not achieve the standard will be subject to enforcement, which includes a \$1.00 per municipal solid waste ton surcharge established in section 57.047(p) of our ordinances
- Haulers not meeting standards of 17.7%, have received a letter from our office notifying that they are not meeting the recycling standard.
- In March the December and Annual report will be mailed. The December report is waiting until all the 2021 additional claims are in.
- 2022 recycling goals will be released in March

### – Hazardous Waste

- Household Hazardous waste facility reported reuse and recycling volumes similar to the previous 3 years-
- Previous years reports:

	2021	2020	2019	2018
HHW Reused (lbs)	135,311	100,470	117,593	108,135
HHW Recycled (lbs)	539,566	554,185	562,669	524,611
E-waste Recycled (lbs)	946,548	1,047,937	1,136,116	1,175,972
Facility Visits	26,002	29,150	29,069	26,244

- Since 2004, over 20 million pounds of e-waste recycled and HHW diverted

### – Sustainability Action plan and update

- After 15 months of development, The S/CAP will be posted for public comment in February, for four weeks. Will present at information meeting for City Council during this period.

- Once all public comment integrated, will bring plan to City council as a resolution to adopt the plan. Hoping to coincide that with April/Earth Month.
- Already moving forward on several high- impact actions in the plan, including piloting the first Fleet EV this year.

3. Recycling Industry Report – Shannon Dwire

- No report

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- Haulers want to thank the City for the help for passing the curbside. Haulers also want to thank Millennium recycling for what they have done for the haulers the past couple months.

5. Citizen Representative Report

- No report

6. County Reports

- Lake
  - No Report
- Lincoln
  - No Report
- McCook
  - No Report
- Minnehaha
  - No Report
- Turner
  - No Report

**New Business**

1. Proposal for Solid Waste Planning Board Expanded Scope- Holly Meier

- 1<sup>st</sup>- coincide with the city increasing sustainability commitments of sustainability and climate action plan this year.
- Need a board that advises the Mayor and City Council on broad environmental and sustainability issues
- Best practice in the other cities across the county and Midwest that have robust sustainability and climate action plans and goals
- All matters currently under the purview of SWPB would remain as such- expand to additional focus areas as well
- Focus areas: Materials management and waste, Sustainable economy, Energy and building, Transportation and land use, Natural systems, Community vitality and sustainable living.
- Possible initiatives- waste collection, waste reduction, recycling, landfill, Ch.57 ordinance
- Advancing goals and implantation of S/CAP
- Proposed membership
  1. 9 people
  2. 2 city staff instead of 3
  3. 1 county rep instead of 5
  4. 1 hauling industry rep (same as SWPB)

5. 5 at large representatives with an emphasis on representation of energy sector, sustainable transportation, public health, business/development and recycling industries and have experience/expertise and interest in sustainability.
    - Only county representation would change from 5 to 1.
    - All other members would finish out term and reapply if desired
      - Two board positions expired Jan 2022- 1 citizen rep, 1 business rep
      - 3-year term
      - Quarterly meetings will remain
    - Process:
      1. Has been approved by the Mayor’s office and city leadership
      2. City attorneys have reviewed the matter and instructed on legal procedure- will require ordinance change to Chapter 57- Chapter 57.120-57.123
      3. Requesting feedback from the board
      4. Planning to bring ordinance change to transition to Sustainability Advisory Board sometime in 2022
      5. Questions and feedback
        - Public input: Clarify- removed true citizen representation- have to have a true vest interest. Removed citizen and moving towards resident.
        - Board discussion –Haulers voice will not be taking away. Donny is still on the board and the board will still have haulers representation. Representation of 5 county area.
        - Progressive cities are doing the same thing- it is a good thing. It should be seen as a positive.
        - Board members can do written feedback to Holly regarding the changes. Do not reply all. Send only to Holly. Will be discussed at the quarter 2 meeting.
2. Report on Curbside Collection since Dec.2021 Ordinance Change- Joshua Peterson
    - No drastic jump in complaints- a lot of citizen questions –citizens wanted clarification on curb side placement to make sure they were doing things correctly.
    - Some complaints- complaints came in mainly on social media
    - Going forward- City will continue to monitor and make sure the message is being heard. Periodically pushing information out.

**Public comments:**

- Most citizens are putting cans away.
- Haulers would like to see the City of Sioux Falls include information on social media that all garage needs to be in a bag and tied. Store bags, news paper bags are blowing out of garbage cans and trucks. They throw them in the can lose. These items cause a lot of litter in our city.
- If everything was bagged, the city wouldn’t have any blowing trash- it all comes from not properly bagging garbage.
- There will be a learning curve for a while for both the residents and the haulers.

**General public input:**

- Is the 3 cell landfill coinciding with the growth we are seeing in the area?
  - All rate increase- flat fee or tonnage increases are based on rate model. It is looked at annually. It provides the security for CIP project, upgrades and maintenance or infrastructure. All of this is put in the rate model. It is based on calculations based on revenues and expenses. All set ahead of time. It is part of the 5 year CIP plan. Once we get to a certain %, we look at when it makes sense to raise rates. All utilities rate increases go to City Council at once. Utility rate presentations scheduled for 2024.

**A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Greg Bertsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm**

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Neuroth, Edman, Kuper, Bertsch, Meier, Hanson, Sauby 9. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**