



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

Downtown Library

200 N Dakota Avenue

Tuesday, April 30, 2019; 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
Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater
Manager
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry
Representative
Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
Benjamin Tiensvold, Citizen
Representative
Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative
Barbara Burnley-Hamer, Citizen
Representative
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
Greg Bertsch, Business Community
Representative
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning
Representative (Arrived after Roll Call)

Members Absent:

Gerald Gerken, SD Multi-Housing Association
Lyle Van Hove, Turner County
Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Representative
Bruce Williams, Recycling Industry
Representative

Others present:

Jesse Dewitt, A-OK Sanitary Service; Mike Herbst, Novak Sanitary Service; Butch Hanssen, Novak Sanitary Service; Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling; Nick Sweeney, Sweeney Sanitation; Perry Schempp, Marv's of Sioux Falls; Ruby Zuraft, Roo's Sanitation; Todd Sandman, Sandman's Sanitation, Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Marissa Begley, Millennium Recycling; Luke Rodig, Burns and McDonnell; Tammy Jo Taft, AE2S.

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, Anderson, Bertsch, Berg, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Reinicke, Kuper, Hanson. 10. Noes, 0. Abstains, Sexe, 1. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Doug Swenson and seconded by Deb Reinicke to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of February 5, 2019.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Anderson, Bertsch, Berg, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Reinicke, Kuper, Hanson. 10. Noes, 0. Abstains, Sexe, 1. **Motion passed.**

Introduction

1. No items to discuss

Continuing Business

1. Landfill Report – Don Kuper
 - 1st Quarter MSW tonnage
 - 46,000 tons
 - Up 5,000 tons from 1st Quarter 2018
 - 1st Quarter C&D tonnage
 - 10,900 tons
 - Up 400 tons from 1st Quarter 2018
 - Updates
 - Steve McGinnis retired as lead equipment operator. Kasey Short was promoted to fill the position.
 - Ryan Bechtold was brought on as the new Landfill Operations Manager
 - Currently in the hiring process for another scale operator
 - No tipping fee increases for 2019 or 2020
 - Landfill route cleanup will occur on Saturday, May 4th. DOC inmates will assist.
 - 2019 Projects
 - 2nd lift for convenience area and grinding area
 - Construction continues on leachate forced main
 - Landfill gas improvements will begin in June

2. Environmental Report – Jessica Sexe

- HHW YTD data

	2018 YTD	2019 YTD
HHW Reused (lbs.)	14,619	15,618
HHW Recycled (lbs.)	85,711	80,381
E-waste Recycled (lbs.)	191,983	198,188
Facility Visits	4,636	3,545

- Walgreens is no longer participating in NDP

- Environmental Education
 - Sustainable Community Nonprofit Grant
 - Furniture Mission
 - Ecomaniacs
 - Augustana University
 - Magic of Recycling
 - 11 elementary schools hosted the performance
 - Keloland Living
 - Roosevelt High School Classes
 - City Council Informational
 - Community presentations
 - Earth Day Good Earth State Park, USD, Party for the Planet
- Recycling Reporting
 - 2019 Recycling Goal-23.4%
 - 2019 Recycling Standard-18.7%
 - 1st Quarter Reports will go out mid-May

3. Recycling Industry Report

- Markets
 - Cardboard and most other fibers continue to drop. Will likely be down \$15 a ton or more since my last quarterly report and approaching, or be at a 10-year low.
 - Aluminum markets continue to be poor
 - Challenging to find markets for 3 through 7 plastics
 - Not a very good time for MRFs

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- Would like to see recycling prices improve
- Weather related challenges at the landfill

5. Citizen Representative Report – Ben Tiensvold

- Customers are thankful for the flood dump pass
- Free dump passes received
- Has heard a lot of concerns about too many trucks on the road, especially with the rough winter

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business

New Business

1. County Reports

- Lake
 - Will be rescheduling free e-waste drop-off event

- Lincoln
 - 1st Quarter 2019 Transfer Station Data
 - 405 tons of MSW
 - 0.76 tons of cardboard
 - 1.31 tons of newsprint
 - Free dump day for public on May 18th.
 - Received 35 tons of MSW and 40 tons of scrap metal in 2018
 - Tires were also collected
 - Gravel roads to the transfer station remain in pore condition. May affect participation in this year's event.
- McCook
 - No Report
- Minnehaha
 - No Report
- Turner
 - No Report

Other Business

1. Recycling Education Campaign Update
 - Tammy Jo Taft with AE2S provided an update on the City's Recycling Education Campaign
 - Focus on humanizing the recycling process and simplifying the message
 - Initial campaign will focus on residential/public side, but tool kits will be developed for other industries and businesses.
 - Rollout will begin in May or June
2. License Cap Task Force Report
 - Three meetings have been conducted to discuss the idea of capping the number of haulers that can serve the Sioux Falls City limits.
 - 14 haulers serve the Sioux Falls City limits
 - A survey of the 14 haulers serving Sioux Falls yielded the following results
 - Three did not respond
 - 10 were in favor of a license cap
 - One was open to the idea, but needed more information
 - No negative feedback
 - Task force wants to gage interest from the board to see if the process should proceed
 - Main reasons for the proposal include:
 - Decrease truck traffic on residential roads
 - Streamline the industry and make it more efficient
 - Prevent hauler company turnover
 - Easier to regulate and enforce
 - Preserve entrepreneurship, keep free enterprise and customer choice
 - Prevent City from and taking over system and bidding out the service

Public Input

1. Comments/Questions in regard to License Capping
 - Is their accommodation for growth in the license capping discussion?
 - The number of licenses will be based on the per capita population of the City
 - First thought is one license/50,000 residents
 - Lauri Cressman: 56 license haulers in 1986
 - Andy Berg: Continue vetting topic, want best solution for city, haulers and customers. Need to talk to councilors personally as business owners and customers before bringing proposal to council.
 - Scott Anderson: What if the best solution for the City is a municipally run service like in Aberdeen or Rapid City?
 - Cindy Neuroth: Haulers want to avoid the City taking over the process, because there are the independent haulers that want to stay in business. Capping would allow current haulers to stay in business, but allow for consolidation of haulers by the market.
 - Andy Berg: Council is clear that they appreciate free market .
 - Scott Anderson: What are the real issues we're trying to solve? Ex. Limiting licenses will not reduce traffic.
 - Regulating recycling and reducing contamination in single-stream is the priority. Fewer haulers may make enforcement and education easier.
 - Haulers pay wheel tax to be on the roads.
 - Do we limit delivery vehicles too?
 - Doug Swenson: Council does not have appetite for city to take over the process
 - Perry Schempp: Trucks are getting bigger and heavier
 - Jessica Sexe: Task force will continue working out the details of the proposal and get feedback from residents and councilors to further the discussion.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Andy Berg and seconded by Jon Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Anderson, Bertsch, Berg, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Reinicke, Kuper, Hanson. 10. Noes, 0. Abstains, Sexe, 1. **Motion passed.**