



# *City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes*

*Downtown Library*

*200 N Dakota Avenue*

*Monday, August 23, 2021; 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 Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

## **Roll Call:**

### Members Present:

Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry Representative  
Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative  
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent  
Shannon Dwire, Recycling Industry Representative  
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

### Members Absent:

Mark Kaufman, Turner County Representative  
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning Representative  
Nancy Korkow, McCook County Representative  
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative  
Joshua Peterson, Environmental Services Manager City of Sioux Falls  
Greg Bertsch, Business Community Representative

### Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Mike Herbst, Novak Sanitary Service; Jesse Cody, Waste Management; Andy Berg, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Tim Deppe, Novak Sanitary Service

## **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, Swenson, Hamer, Hanson, Kuper, Sauby, Dwire, Edman, Meier. 9. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Doug Swenson to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of April 26, 2021.**

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

## **Introduction**

1. Board Update
  - Mark Kaufman is the new Turner County Representative
  - Josh Peterson is the new Environmental Services Manager

## **Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business

## **Continuing Business**

1. Landfill Report – Don Kuper
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter MSW tonnage
    - Up 17.8% from 2020
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter C&D tonnage
    - Down 1.6% from 2020
  - Projects/Updates
    - Operation
      - Purchased cardboard compactor for quick service area
      - Seasonal yard waste sites will open September 26<sup>th</sup> on Lyons and Chambers
      - Asphalt mill and overlay project to be completed by the end of August
      - 2022 hauler applications due by the end of September
    - Cell four progress
      - Project was sent out for rebid as previous bids came in higher than expected
    - Landfill Gas and Leachate
      - LFG and leachate infrastructure improvements beginning soon
    - Landfill leachate forced main
      - Final control/equipment bids went out
      - Project will begin in next couple weeks
2. Environmental Report – Holly Meier
  - Recycling Update
    - Year to date recycling rate is 20.6%.
    - 2021 Goal: 22.1%
    - Standard: 17.7%
    - Five Haulers not meeting standard as of the end of July
  - Hazardous waste
    - Backup option for City's Needle Disposal Program (New Business)
  - Greenway Cleanup
    - Scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon

- Promoting will begin by the end of August
  - Sustainability Master Plan
    - Goals, strategies, and tactics have been drafted by the steering committee with community feedback
    - GHG reduction targets set:
      - 45% reduction by 2030
      - Net zero by 2050
    - Next community engagement phase will be in October.
    - Open house will be at the downtown library on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm
3. Recycling Industry Report – Shannon Dwire
- Markets
    - Overall markets are strong
    - Shortage of help and freight availability continues to be the biggest limiting factor
  - Material/Contamination
    - Slight increase in contamination
    - May be due to lack of help
    - Incoming recycling remaining steady from 2020
4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth
- Quarterly recycling education provided by the City
5. Citizen Representative Report – Tim Edman
- Potential for City to benefit from clean energy credits for the burning of LFG
  - POET has rights to clean energy credits per LFG contract with the City
6. County Reports
- Lake
    - No Report
  - Lincoln
    - Transfer Station and associated equipment for sale
    - Seems to be less garbage in ditches with transfer station closed
  - McCook
    - No Report
  - Minnehaha
    - No Report
  - Turner
    - No Report

## **New Business**

1. Container placement survey data review and next steps
- Next Steps
    - Schedule informational meeting with City Council in September
  - Board Discussion
  - **A motion was made by Doug Swenson to make no recommendation to City Council on container placement at this time and wait until the feedback from the informational meeting.**

- No second and motion died.
  - **A motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded by Barbara Hamer to recommend a revision to the existing container placement ordinance to allow containers be placed adjacent to the structure or curbside on collection day subject to what the hauler and customer agree upon.**
  - Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Swenson, Hamer, Hanson, Kuper, Sauby, Dwire, Edman, Meier. 9. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**
  - **A motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded by Shannon Dwire to request to City Council that a Board member, TBD, be placed on the agenda at the informational meeting to address the curbside recommendation if necessary.**
  - Vote to approve: Yeses, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper. 4. Noes, Sauby, Hamer, Swenson, Meier, Hanson 5. Abstains, 0. **Motion died.**
  - Key points from board discussion and public input:
    - Haulers are not asking for mandatory curbside but for the allowance of it
    - Shortage in workforce is still an economic hardship for haulers
    - Sustainability benefit of curbside – emissions from trucks would be greatly reduced half with allowance of curbside
    - Curbside does not necessarily equal more litter – as demonstrated in a majority of other communities that have curbside
    - Lack of enforceability of current ordinance
    - Added safety with curbside – Trucks off each neighborhood street faster
    - Concerns from some haulers about zoned collection – possible backup of trucks on a street and safety issues, hauler lack of capacity
2. Solid Waste Management Master Plan presentation
- **A motion was made by Don Kuper and seconded by Tim Edman to move SWMMP presentation to later SWPB meeting.**
  - Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Swenson, Hamer, Hanson, Kuper, Sauby, Dwire, Edman, Meier. 9. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**
3. 2021 priorities update
- City will move forward and schedule informational meeting with City Council regarding board's recommendation on license capping.
4. Backup disposal method for Needle Disposal Program
- City needs backup disposal method in case supply issues arise with sharps containers as was seen recently
  - Currently residents request containers at participating pharmacies and return full ones for disposal
  - **Option One**
    - Provide/allow the use of alternative ridged plastic containers
    - NO alternative containers to be supplied/promoted by the City as they may be accidently disposed of in recycling or garbage
  - **Option Two**
    - Centralized drop-off for sharps
    - Possibly At HHW or Law Enforcement Center
    - Accessibility concern
    - This would be the best alternative disposal method

## Public Input

- No public input

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded by Barbara Hamer to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm**

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