

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

Scott Area Recycling Center
5640 Carey Avenue
Davenport, IA. 52807

July 13, 2023

Members Present: Ken Beck (Scott County), Bob Gallagher (Bettendorf), Anthony Heddlesten (Riverdale), and Sally Rodriguez (Buffalo).

Bob Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Ken Beck moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2023. Anthony Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beck moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Revenue/Expenditure Summary. Morris reported treasurer's report fund balance is on. Morris shared that revenue at the Landfill is at 101% at 92% of the fiscal year, noting additional material from the hail storm and building disaster. Morris reported total expenses at 90% and total revenue at 89%. Beck asked if next year's budget accounted for the reduction in recycling markets at the Electronics Recovery Center. Morris shared facility upgrades and renovations at the Electronics Recovery Center along with a new website to build a business marketing campaign to entice local businesses to utilize the facility for the potential of higher-grade reuse electronics. Bobbi Draheim, Finance and Administrative Service Manager mentioned that since February 2023 markets are trending back up and the expectation is that this will continue into FY24. Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Heddlesten moved to approve the invoices. Morris noted large expenses and highlighted expenses for host community benefit payment, water pump expenditure for facility water at Landfill, and Bond payment. Beck asked if the Fire Rover fee was the monthly fee or the overall fee. Bryce Stalcup, Recycling Operations Manager/Deputy Director responded that the fee is Fire Rover's monthly fee. Beck asked for clarification on IAS Engineering. Draheim responded it was for a leachate recirculation pump station at the Scott Area Landfill. Beck asked for information on McDonald, Woodward & Associates. Morris responded it was legal fees for contract reviews. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryce Stalcup presented a video of the June 20, 2023, Scott Area Recycling Center fire that was provided by Fire Rover. Stalcup shared the actions initiated and completed by Fire Rover, steps taken by the Davenport Fire Department that arrived on scene and the results of the fire caused by a lithium battery. Stalcup shared there were no injuries, and no damage to the building, but there was a loss of 30-40 tons of recyclables. Stalcup shared the facility was down for six hours but was able to return to normal processing. Stalcup stressed that the Fire Rover was a key factor in controlling the fire and catching it before it became a significant threat. Stalcup shared semis will be arriving starting next week for the equipment upgrade and optical installation at the Scott Area Recycling Center and construction will go through August. Stalcup shared that the SWIFR grant has surpassed the first step and is still under review. Stalcup mentioned the Commission is expected to hear in late September or early October if the grant will be awarded. Stalcup thanked the Commissioners for their support letters and for reaching out to other Iowa elected officials for additional support for the grant submittal. Megan Fox, Communications and HR Manager highlighted local involvement in participating in planning workshops for plastic litter reduction in the QCA. Fox shared the workshops will be held in late July and August and will cover the plastic litter data that has been captured over the last few years. Fox mentioned that the Commission is an organizing partner in Xstream Cleanup that is helping to promote locally along with

the CEC and MRCTI. Advertisements to attend the workshops will be shared through social media, local interviews and website promotion to get the local community involved in sharing feedback on plastic litter. Fox noted that a survey to provide feedback is additionally available if not able to attend the in-person workshops. Kathy Morris presented the monthly operations and facility reports covering the comparisons from last year to the current year. Morris shared that residents using the ERC facility are up but the pounds managed are down due to the light-weighting of electronics. Morris reported the average market value per ton is currently at \$86 and is trending up. Morris shared that shipments of paper are down and cardboard is up. Morris reported an EPA letter was received making a request to evaluate accepting material from a company in Marengo, IA that is a super-fund site. The company had an explosion at its site on December 8, 2022, that was extinguished with foam that is high in PFAS. The request is to take in the contaminated soil. The request was made due to the Commission's history of compliance and proper management of material and allowing revenue for safe disposal to be kept in Iowa. Morris reported the Commission has declined to accept the material because it is outside of our planning area and the potential for PFAS-contaminated soil. Morris shared she would draft a letter in response to the transfer station proposal that can be made available for communities to make a comment on the proposed IL transfer station.

Morris shared information on the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan for Cedar County Solid Waste Commission, Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, Waste Authority of Jackson County, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency and Waste Commission of Scott County. Morris shared that the five-county group has been involved in comprehensive planning since 1988, and covered the historical goals, planning area accomplishments and the next five-year goals. Public Comment was opened and no public comment was made.

Beck moved to approve Consideration of Resolution in Support of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan for Cedar County Solid Waste Commission, Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, Waste Authority of Jackson County, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency and Waste Commission of Scott County 2023. Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beck moved for Consideration of Renewal Natural Gas (RNG) Facility Site Sublease Agreement and Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Morris shared, for the past nine months, Brian Seals, Landfill Operations Manager has been working in collaboration with WAGA Energy and Linwood Mining and Minerals to develop agreements that are beneficial to all partners. WAGA is investing around 15 million dollars in infrastructure for transforming methane into renewable natural gas. The RNG will be transferred to a pipeline that runs on the west side of the Landfill property that is owned by Mid-American. The operations and maintenance agreement will be between the Commission and Linwood. Morris shared that this will be the third RNG Facility in Iowa allowing for reductions of Co2 emissions. Morris stated the Commission will conduct well inspections more frequently and be paid an estimated \$55,000 -\$75,000 per year based on the quantity of methane produced. Gallagher asked if the agreements were reviewed by the legal counsel and covered all exposures with the sublease. Morris reported that the Commission's legal counsel and Linwood's legal counsel have reviewed and believe the contract is vetted in the best interest of both parties. Beck asked where the other RNG Facilities are in Iowa. Stalcup reported that the other facilities are not Landfill facilities in Iowa and are industrial centers. Discussion followed. Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beck moved for Consideration of Banking Recommendation. Draheim reported four responses from an RFP for banking services were received. Proposals were reviewed by Commission staff with the help of financial staff at Scott County on a scoring rubric. Draheim reported that based on scoring criteria, CBI Bank and Trust had the highest scoring and offers all banking services required to meet the Commission's needs at the lowest cost. Draheim recommended contracting with CBI Bank and Trust for

all Commission's banking needs with a target date of September 1, 2023, to finalize the transition. Beck asked if there are any restrictions for using banks that have ownership outside of the country. Beck shared the majority of CBI Bank and Trust shares are outside the United States. Draheim shared that recommendations came from the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County who have used CBI for banking services for many years. Draheim shared ownership restrictions would be verified and confirmed by legal counsel prior to entering into a contract. Heddlesten asked if there is a local branch. Draheim shared that there are two in Davenport and in Muscatine. Heddlesten seconded with the contingency on verification. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris reported the next meeting date may need adjustment as it is during the Iowa League of Cities Conference. Morris shared she would work with the Commissioners to solidify a date. There was no public comment. Beck moved to adjourn. Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.