

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING

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

June 19, 2014

Members Present: Barney Barnhill (Davenport), Robert Gallagher (Bettendorf), Olin Meador (Buffalo), Marty O'Boyle (Eldridge), Tom Sunderbruch (Scott County)

Barney Barnhill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Scott Area Recycling Center. Robert Gallagher moved to approve the April 17, 2014 minutes. Marty O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Morris answered questions about the treasurer's report and the revenue/expenditure journal and summary. Morris stated that the landfill covers 535 acres, and that currently it can provide about 60 years' capacity. She explained that the undesignated investment fund listed on the treasurer's report is the general operating fund. She stated that revenue at the Scott Area Recycling Center appears low due to depressed markets. Morris and other Commission staff explained the details of the current revenue summary enclosure. Discussion followed.

Robert Gallagher moved to approve the treasurer's report. Olin Meador seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Gallagher moved to approve the invoices. Marty O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris presented the operations report, including facility reports. Morris also briefly reported on master planning, public education efforts, EMS/R2 updates, and personnel policy progress. The revised Personnel Policy will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Kathy Morris presented the Single Stream Request for Proposal Results as prepared by the Commission's contracted engineering firm, Foth. Morris stated that the Commission received five proposals from three private processors. Two potentially economically viable scenarios emerged: Transfer of material to a private entity, Midwest Fiber in Bloomington, IL; lease of current facility by a private entity, Midland-Davis in Moline, IL. These proposals were compared to a Commission operated facility based upon a 2013 report. The costs were evaluated based upon high and low market averages and tonnages delivered. Morris stated that the success of any scenario would hinge upon securing greater recycling tonnages at the Scott Area Recycling Center (SARC), which a single-stream model is likely to bring about because it expands potential materials and makes the practice of recycling easier for residents, thus increasing participation.

Moreover, Morris stated that while it appears potentially viable in the immediate future, the transfer option is not as economically feasible in the long term primarily due to the cost of transportation. The same is true for the lease option. Currently the Commission option appears to be the most economically viable in the long term, given that greater recycling tonnages are secured. To this end, Martin Davis, president of Midland Davis Corporation (Moline, Ill.), was present and provided input. Davis stated that his company would provide additional tonnages to the Commission.

Kathy Morris answered questions in regard to the single-stream presentation. Morris explained that equipment updates are acutely necessary at the SARC and that updating the facility to a single-stream model that allows for more recycling, less landfilling, and greater income is preferred to making a significant investment in an obsolete system. Michelle Javornik, deputy public works director, City of Bettendorf, added that Scott County has become an isolated community in terms of its dual-stream model of recycling, and that the current residential recycling carts also have reached or are reaching end-of-life. Only one manufacturer makes these carts today, as dual-stream technology largely has gone by the wayside. Morris stated that more information and a recommendation would be presented at the next meeting.

Morris presented for consideration a request from Habitat for Humanity to waive the landfill disposal fees for property at 504 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport, which is to be demolished. Fees were estimated at \$1,600. Gallagher stated that he supports waiving the fee with the caveat that the Commission monitors such requests. Morris stated that the Commission has received three or four such requests over the last 20 years and that she would continue to monitor.

Chair Barnhill asked for approval to waive the aforementioned disposal fees. Marty O'Boyle moved to approve the recommendation. Olin Meador seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Barnhill asked for approval of the FY 2015 budget. Kathy Morris noted that she reviewed the budget at the previous Commission meeting and met with the finance committee to review the budget, per the request of Commissioner Bill Gluba at the April 17 meeting. There were no changes to the budget from the prior meeting presentation. Gallagher moved to approve the recommendation. Marty O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Olin Meador thanked the Commission for community grant dollars that will be used for a stream bank stabilization project in Buffalo.

There was no other business or public comment. Marty O'Boyle moved to adjourn. Olin Meador seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2014.