

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

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

January 22, 2015

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

Barney Barnhill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Scott Area Recycling Center.

Tom Sunderbruch moved to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes. Robert Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Olin Meador moved to approve the treasurer's report and the revenue/expenditure journal and summary. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sunderbruch moved to approve the invoices. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Director Kathy Morris presented the operations report including facility reports. Morris stated that markets for recyclable materials are holding steady. She discussed the growing reuse program at the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility, stating that the facility uses a three-part process to destroy all data contained on hard drives slated for reuse. Morris added that the e-waste facility saw a 15 percent increase in tonnage in 2014 over 2013. She reported on the household hazardous materials program, stating that the number of businesses served by the program is growing significantly.

Morris also reported on master planning and the Next Tier program that WCSC is piloting through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). She stated that the DNR has experienced unforeseen delays.

Morris also provided an update on public education efforts, keying on a new search widget that the Commission will be placing on its website. The widget, known as Waste Wizard, allows a resident to type the name of an item for recycling or disposal, and get instant information about how to handle the item. In addition, she said that the Commission had released a request for proposal (RFP) for the basic elements of its public education campaign for single-stream recycling. Proposals were due at noon Jan. 22 and will be reviewed in coming weeks.

Morris provided an update on the Commission's environmental, health and safety certifications, noting that an auditor from Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc., will be on site March 9-12 to perform an audit at the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility.

Morris then reported on the single-stream recycling project. She stated that the Commission presented a proposal to Closed Loop Fund, a zero-interest loan program backed by major corporations that was created to encourage single-stream recycling. Initial response to the \$7 million proposal has been positive. Morris stated that representatives from Closed Loop indicated they may wish to use Scott County as an example for the program. Discussion followed.

Barney Barnhill asked if Davenport residents would use one large recycling cart under single-stream. Morris said yes. Discussion about previously held meetings with cart vendors followed.

Morris reported that Bi-State Regional Commission is still working to garner letters of support from Illinois communities. A processing and revenue share agreement is also being reviewed.

She reported that Republic Services purchased City Carton. She stated that Republic Services submitted no bid during the single-stream RFP process. She added that she spoke with the Commission's legal counsel and was advised that if Republic wished to propose at this time, the corporation would follow the Commission's unsolicited proposal process.

Marty O'Boyle asked about repayment on the zero-interest loan potentially provided by Closed Loop, which is to cover about 50,000 recycling carts, 7 recycling trucks for Davenport and Bettendorf, and single-stream recycling processing equipment. Morris stated that the Commission will hold an agreement with Closed Loop, along with agreements with the cities. Davenport and Bettendorf will pay the loans on the trucks. They also will pay for the carts with funds resulting from the sale of recyclables. The Commission will repay the loan on the processing equipment. O'Boyle suggested that the small towns in Scott County could join together and then partner with the Commission on single-stream recycling in a way similar to Davenport and Bettendorf. Morris responded that the Commission wants to support the small towns in any way possible. Discussion followed.

Morris presented a bid recommendation for an excavator for use at the Scott Area Landfill. Operations Manager Brian Seals answered questions about the recommended piece of equipment, a John Deere 290G (2011). Gallagher moved to approve the recommendation. Sunderbruch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting date is currently scheduled for March 19th. A special meeting may be necessary to consider agreements, date to be determined.

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