

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING

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

July 2, 2018

Members Present: Ken Beck (Scott County), Robert Gallagher (Bettendorf), Frank Klipsch (Davenport), Marty O'Boyle (Eldridge)

Frank Klipsch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Scott Area Landfill. Beck moved to approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Klipsch asked for acceptance of Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expenditure Journal and Summary. Kathy Morris opened it up to answer any questions. Ken Beck asked question for clarification on interest not being included in the Revenue/Expenditure Summaries. Bobbi Draheim stated it is the way the Revenue/Expenditure Summaries have been prepared over the last few years but could be included in the report. Morris replied it will be included moving forward. Beck moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Klipsch asked for approval of invoices and opened it up for questions. Seeing no questions Beck moved to approve the invoices. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris presented the operations report including facility reports. She reported the available constructed landfill space is in good shape and construction is on schedule to build in the next year to year and a half. Morris reported the construction and demolition material is up more than in past years and recycling tonnage continues to climb. Morris reported that commodity prices continue to be down due to China's restrictions on imports. Beck asked if there was an error in the price for mixed paper. Morris reported that the prices for mixed paper and cardboard have trended down drastically. She stated we are fortunate to have processing capacity at Pratt in Valparaiso for our material to stay domestic. Klipsch asked if there has been any discussion of the US developing plans to use the material. Morris reported that she believes there will be investments made but it will take time. Discussion followed. Morris reported they are currently in the process of reviewing a follow up recycling survey that was conducted by phone with Scott County residents. She stated a survey was conducted prior to single stream and this is the follow survey. Upon initial review the results show 60 percent more material coming in from Davenport and Bettendorf, 93 percent are calling their service excellent or good, and participation is over 80 percent in the single stream program. Morris stated there has been a 400 percent increase in inbound commodities to the single stream facility. This has driven and stimulated the economy by adding neighboring communities to invest in carts, trucks and infrastructure to get their material to our single stream facility. Morris stated by maximizing our capacity we can keep our cost down during this time. Discussion followed about recycling facility system and recycling markets.

Morris reported the HHM facility continues to be extremely popular among residents and customer usage is up. She reported the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility has had a decrease in tonnage but stated it is due to electronic items weighing less, not due to a decline in the number of items. Morris shared the Commission will be celebrating the second anniversary of Single Stream recycling by celebrating a night at Modern Woodmen Park for a ballgame on August 1st and invites the community to come celebrate. Morris reported the Landfill closure project is on task. O'Boyle asked to go back and

discuss what the capacity is with all the inbound recycling material coming in. Morris reported that 35,000 tons is maximizing capacity working two full shifts. Morris shared that maximum capacity may happen by the next fiscal year. Discussion followed.

Klipsch moved for presentation and consideration of FY2019 Budget. Morris reported the Commission serves nearly 312,000 residents and is solely funded by user fees. She reported the Commission has grown to hold 61 staff members and has added a Lean Team to implement continuous improvements at all facilities in 2018. Morris shared the tip fee state wide comparison and history and proposed a slight increase in Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Debris. Morris showed history and reported on continued growth at the recycling facility and estimating to receive over 30,000 tons per year. Gallagher asked even with the change in commodities prices, will there be an increase in revenue at the recycling facilities. Morris responded that due to the drastic increase in the tonnage received at the recycling facility it will experience a growth in revenue. Gallagher asked are the expenses dealing with the additional tonnages offset by the reduction in temporary employees. Morris responded saying that by adding the optical the reduction in temporary staff will offset the expenses for tonnage increase. Morris provided additional information on the optical sorter on how it would reduce temporary staff; capture an additional 68 tons of PET per year that has been missed, and increase operating speed to ten tons per hour. Discussion followed. Beck asked for more detail on the capital improvement number for the budget years. Morris explained the difference was due in part to purchases made in the prior fiscal year. Gallagher asked for more clarification on how there is an increase in the recycling revenues from previous fiscal year with the commodity prices dipping. Morris replied that the increase of recycling tonnage received at the facility is the reason for the increase. Discussion followed. Beck asked for additional information on the total operating cost for the recycling center that is reflective against the revenues. Morris replied that more detailed information will be provided prior to the next meeting.

Klipsch moved for the Consideration of FY2019 Budget and Consideration of Closed Loop Equipment Loan Agreement for Procurement of Automated Sorting Equipment Design, Manufacture, Installation, Integration and Start-Up and Consideration of CP Contract for Procurement of Automated Sorting Equipment Design, Manufacture, Installation, Integration and Start-Up. Discussion followed. Beck moved to approve. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2018.

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