

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

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

April 8, 2019

Members Present: Ken Beck (Scott County), Rick Dunn (Davenport), Robert Gallagher (Bettendorf), Marty O'Boyle (Eldridge), Michael Limberg (Long Grove)

Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Scott Area Recycling Center. O'Boyle moved to approve the minutes of the December 10th, 2018 meeting. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gallagher asked for acceptance of Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expenditure Journal and Summary. Kathy Morris stated the report shows we are trending where estimated in the Treasurer's Report and opened it up for questions. Marty O'Boyle asked a question on the debt reserve market volatility fund and if that fund is supporting the declined sales of recycling material. Morris responded with the declining market values, they have worked with their government partners to generate a plan for repayment while the markets start to build and recover over time. The plan was established and implemented to not have a direct impact on per household costs. Further discussion followed. Morris reported on Revenue/Expenditure journal and summary sharing overall total is at 73% of revenue and 67% of expenditures for the year. Beck asked if the Landfill will see additional material due to flooding. Morris reported there will be some increase but generally not as much as flash flooding. Commission staff is working closely with other agencies and has developed a resource guide for proper disposal and separation at the curb for flood debris to follow FEMA guidelines. Morris stated they will continue to provide the information and education to ensure they meet the sorting requirements to maximize the available funding through FEMA. Discussion followed. O'Boyle moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Beck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gallagher asked for approval of invoices. Morris shared that the invoices are for one third of the year and opened it up for questions. O'Boyle stated his questions were previously answered. Limberg moved to approve the invoices. Dunn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris presented the operations report including facility reports. Morris reported Landfill plans for the new cell construction have started and construction will begin in summer 2020. Morris reported a decline in customers at HHM and Ewaste facility due to extreme cold winter temperatures. Morris stated the material is starting to increase as the weather is changing. The Recycling Facility has steadily grown but commodity prices have declined however Morris is cautiously optimistic they will start to see an upward trend. Morris shared a revised budget for the Recycling Facility based on the quick growth with the facility. Morris reported the installation of the optical in December is already showing a reduction in temporary labor. Morris reported on the partnership with Nahant Marsh for Xstream Cleanup and efforts made to submit grants for 2019. Morris provided an update on a pending lawsuit regarding the Closed Loop company, an R2 (Responsible Recycler) Certified CRT processor that went out of business. Morris shared that the Commission, along with 40 other companies, utilized this company to ship leaded glass in the past and the property owners that held the lease filed a claim that is being reviewed by legal counsel and the insurance company that provides pollution coverage. The Commission's shipment totaled 1.15% of the material left on site. Discussion followed. Morris

mentioned the consideration to review an early retirement package for tenured staff that resembles a program that is currently being offered by City of Davenport. Gallagher asked to research with the Finance Committee more information on labor costs before moving forward to establish the overall benefits and cost savings. Morris stated that she would do so at the next scheduled meeting.

Gallagher moved for the consideration of compactor recommendation. Brian Seals, Landfill Operations Manager, reported on the bids received for a Landfill Compactor. Seals shared that they researched a rebuild versus new compactor and the rebuild price did not make feasible sense. Seals reported that a team comprised of management, maintenance and operations staff members conducted site visits for each compactor bid and are recommending the Aljon 525 model. Seals shared the lead time for purchase of a landfill compactor could range from three to six months and was slated for purchase in fiscal year 2020. Seals reported the bid included keeping their current compactor in the rotation as a backup unit. Discussion followed. Limberg moved to approve the consideration of compactor recommendation. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gallagher moved for consideration of the forklift recommendation. Bryce Stalcup, Special Waste Manager, reported on a catastrophic mast failure on the forklift at the Recycling Facility. Stalcup shared a forklift was scheduled for replacement in fiscal year 2020. Stalcup requested consideration for the purchase of a forklift at or below \$35,000 following State Bid/National Joint Purchasing options. Beck moved to authorize the purchase of a forklift following requirements and purchase price at or below \$35,000. Limberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris provided a brief overview of the FY2020 budget that would be up for consideration at the next meeting. This included a tip fee comparison and history, review of beginning and ending fund balances, budgets by facility and associated graphs, personnel, revenue, operating and administration expenses, DNR fee review and cell construction, equipment replacement and capital improvement budgets. Morris shared she would be willing to answer any questions or meet with staff to go over the projected budget for FY2020. Additional summary and presentation will be completed at the next meeting in June.

Gallagher opened it up for public comment. Brian Schmidt (Bettendorf) asked how much additional capacity is being adding at the Landfill. Seals responded that the Master Plan is being followed where they will be building every three to four years until year 2036. Schmidt asked if each cell is built in house. Seals responded that staff excavates some soil but the remaining work is contracted. Schmidt asked about the labor cost with the optical sorter stating he thought the optical investment would reduce the amount of staff that would need to be hired. Morris stated that the optical reduced temporary labor staff, which is a labor savings of \$175,000 per year. Morris stated additional efficiencies include the recovery of more material. Morris stated 67 tons more PET material is estimated to be recovered this year due to the optical sorter.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Scott Area Recycling Center.

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