

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

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

October 23, 2017

Members Present: Ken Beck (Scott County), Robert Gallagher (Bettendorf), Frank Klipsch (Davenport), Olin Meador (Buffalo), 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 August 14th and September 18th meeting. Meador seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beck moved to approve the treasurer's report. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

O'Boyle moved to approve the invoices. Meador seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Morris presented the operations report. Morris reported on the Scott Area Landfill numbers and Brian Seals said construction of a new cell is scheduled for 2020. Morris reported on single stream recycling including tonnage information, commodity prices, decline in fiber prices due to China's green sword ban on imports and second shift progress. Klipsch asked why China is not taking the material. Morris responded it was due to their desire to increase domestic recovery and there are concerns over contamination. O'Boyle asked about VSQGs. Morris responded that VSQGs are businesses that generate small amounts of hazardous material. Morris reported on the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility (EDF) numbers. Klipsch asked about the amount of EDF material that gets recycled and goes to trash. Morris stated that wood waste from old stereos or televisions is the largest waste quantity, but it is a limited amount of the overall inbound material. Discussion followed. Beck asked if the EDF sees trends that follow the economic trends. Morris shared that during income tax refund time there is a slight increase in the residential deliveries. Morris shared the volume of ewaste continues to increase while the average size, weight and value of electronic items has decreased. Morris reported on a grant to refurbish cell phones. O'Boyle asked why there was a spike in June at the Electronics Facility. Morris responded that there are many special events and spring cleanups during that timeframe.

Morris reported on research of an optical sorter for PETE plastic and 3D fiber. A sorter averages 60 picks per minute and an optical averages 600 picks per minute, this could decrease the temporary staff positions that are hard to fill and increase the quality levels of the material. Morris reported that Closed Loop Partners has an interest in providing a zero interest loan based on the proforma. Gallagher asked about the cost range for an optical sorter installation. Morris said an estimate on price would be around \$800,000. Morris said a recommendation regarding an optical would be presented at a future meeting. Morris shared information on correction ads to remind residents not to place propane tanks and lithium batteries in their recycling carts. Propane tanks are accepted at the HHM facility and batteries at the EDF.

Morris reported that she and Brian Seals will be attending an EMS audit in Des Moines on Tuesday, October 24th with Iowa DNR. Morris reported that Liberty Tire rates will increase on January 1st by \$60 per ton having an impact throughout the state since Liberty is the only tire recycler. Gallagher asked what retailers are going to do. Morris responded that they will be seeing an increase as well. Beck asked if the tires could be used as daily cover. Seals responded that tire chips are used in leachate recirculation lines as backfill in trenches, but can't be used as daily cover. Discussion followed. Morris reported that a

recommendation for tire rates will be presented at the next meeting. Seals reported working on a SWAP grant with Scott County Roads on ground shingles for dust control and road maintenance.

Seals reported on the Landfill Closure project including cap construction specifications, quality assurance and control, storm water management and stockpile locations. Discussion followed. A tour was provided following the meeting.

O'Boyle requested an explanation on the information regarding Close Loop Refining and Recovery. Morris provided information outlining the selection, use and current status of the facility. Discussion followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017.

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