



***City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste  
Planning Board Minutes  
Downtown Library  
200 N Dakota Avenue  
Monday, August 18, 2020; 5:30 pm***

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 pm by Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater Manager. A quorum was present.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Andy Berg, Environmental and Stormwater  
Manager City of Sioux Falls  
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry  
Representative  
Benjamin Tiensvold, Citizen  
Representative  
Doug Swenson, Citizen Representative  
Barbara Hamer, Citizen Representative  
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent  
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative  
(Arrived after Roll Call)  
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative  
Ron Sauby, South Dakota Multi-Family  
Housing Association Representative

Members Absent:

Lyle Van Hove, Turner County Representative  
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning  
Representative  
Bruce Williams, Recycling Industry  
Representative  
Nancy Korkow, McCook County  
Representative  
Greg Bertsch, Business Community  
Representative

Others present:

Todd Sandman, Sandman's Sanitation; Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Janet Brekke, City of Sioux Falls Councilwoman; Pat Starr, City of Sioux Falls Councilman; Eric Bogue, Legal Advisor to City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Holly Meier, City of Sioux Falls Public Works.

**Approval of Agenda**

**A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Barbara Hamer to approve the agenda as presented.**

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Sauby, Anderson, Hanson. 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, Berg, 1. **Motion passed.**

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Barbara Hamer to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of February 4, 2020.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Berg, Neuroth, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Anderson, Hanson. 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, Sauby. 1. **Motion passed.**

## Introduction

1. New SD Multi-Family Housing Rep - Ron Sauby
  - 15 years of experience as a landlord
  - 8 years of service with SD Multi-Family Housing Association
  - Served on the City of Sioux Fall Property Maintenance Board
2. Seat Terms Expiring 2020
  - Bruce Williams, Oct. 2020
  - Barbara Hamer, Oct. 2020
  - Benjamin Tiensvold, Oct. 2020
  - All current members are welcomed and encouraged to re-apply
  - Bruce announced that he will not be seeking to retain his seat
  - Board openings and application process will be posted to City website

## Continuing Business

1. Landfill Report – Don Kuper
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter MSW tonnage
    - Down 500 tons from 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter C&D tonnage
    - Up 500 tons from 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019
  - Projects/Updates
    - Cell four excavation to begin
      - 400,000 cubic yards moved
      - ~800,000 cubic yards yet to excavate
      - Scheduled to be complete in December
    - Equipment Storage and Training Building
      - 14,000 Square Feet
      - Will house landfill equipment to keep them out of the elements
    - Landfill gas and leachate
      - Replace six vertical wells
      - Add three horizontal leachate collection lines
    - Weather Proof External Credit Card Readers
      - Installed on both the public and weigh back scales
      - Minimize handling of credit cards
    - Curbside Pick-up
      - Still operating under ordinance 31-20 to allow curbside pick-up
    - Landfill Free Pass

- Sent out over 52,000 free passes
- Will run through December 5<sup>th</sup>
- 30% participation rate in 2019
- Leaf Drop-off Sites
  - Will open September 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Will close November 24<sup>th</sup>
  - South Lyons and East Chambers locations
- 2021 Licensing
  - Licensing will be completed online
  - No license application will be mailed out
  - Payments will be made online or via check/money order.

## 2. Environmental Report – Andy Berg

- HHW Data
  - HHW reused down ~16,000lbs from 1<sup>st</sup> half 2019
  - HHW recycled down ~11,000lbs from 1<sup>st</sup> half 2019
  - E-Waste recycled down ~54,000lbs from 1<sup>st</sup> half 2019
  - Facility visits down ~1,000 from 1<sup>st</sup> half 2019
  - Since 2004, over 21 million pounds of e-waste recycled and HHW diverted
- 2021 Meeting Dates
  - Will likely be changed to Monday evenings to avoid conflicts with City Council meetings

## 3. Recycling Industry Report

- Markets
  - Cardboard market had a couple months of growth/recovery in the spring, but has since dropped several months in a row and will likely keep dropping.
  - While there is currently an aluminum can shortage, there is no shortage of raw aluminum. Value remains low.
  - All other materials, including 3 to 7 plastics, continue to move well.
- Contamination
  - There has been consistent improvement throughout this year in reducing plastic film contamination in single stream loads
  - Millennium Recycling was seeing a 12 to 13 percent contamination rate and are now only averaging about 7% film contamination.

## 4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- Recycling Rate during Covid-19
  - Haulers are concerned that increased MSW tonnages due to Covid-19 will negatively impact their recycling rate as recycling has not increased at the same rate

## 5. Citizen Representative Report – Doug Swenson

- Curbside Collection

- Overall positively accepted
- Citizen inquired if garbage bill would be reduced with curbside collection in place
- Garbage Along Township Roads
  - Doug noticed a lot of garbage in ditches of township roads in close proximity to Sioux Falls and surrounding metro area.
  - Far less garbage in ditches as you move away from city/urban environment
  - Concern that most of this garbage is coming from residents of the metro area
  - Consider additional drop-off locations for residents in town and surrounding communities do take their debris.
- Lincoln County Transfer Station
  - Shut down possible?
  - Lincoln County Commissioners have and continue to consider shutting facility down due to operational expenses
  - Lincoln County Highway Department cleans-up a lot of garbage from township roads
  - Budgeted to operate through the end of 2020 barring any major equipment breakdowns

### **Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business

### **New Business**

1. County Reports
  - Lake
    - No Report
  - Lincoln
    - Hauled 120 tons of MSW to the landfill
    - Commission meeting at 10:00a.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup> to include possible discussion on transfer station
  - McCook
    - No Report
  - Minnehaha
    - No Report
  - Turner
    - No Report

### **Other Business**

1. Recycling Education Campaign Update
  - Covid-19 paused initial marketing plan for spring/summer
  - Social media campaign ongoing throughout year
  - August-December 2020 – billboards and online ads
2. 2020 Initiatives Update

- Revise Recycling Goal Process
  - 57.081 RECYCLING GOAL AND STANDARD.
    1. All commercial licensed garbage haulers are required to annually achieve the standard of at least 80% of the city’s established recycling goal.
  - (a) The city annually calculates a recycling goal percentage by dividing the verified total weight of all recyclable material by the total verified weight of all municipal solid waste plus all recyclable material approved by the city. Industrial waste is not included in this calculation when it does not meet the EPA’s definition of MSW.
  - (b) The sustainability coordinator shall calculate the recycling goal for each subsequent year by using data from the previous year.
  - Ordinance Revision Subcommittee needed.

### **Public Input**

- City Councilor Pat Starr spoke to the benefit of full-service garbage collection and the value it provides to the citizens of Sioux Falls.
- City Councilor Janet Brekke asked if the curbside collection requirement should be withdrawn as rationale no longer exists.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Benjamin Tiensvold to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm**

Vote to approve: Yeses, Neuroth, Swenson, Hammer, Tiensvold, Kuper, Sauby, Anderson, Hanson. 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, Berg, 1. **Motion passed.**