



***City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste
Planning Board Minutes
Downtown Library
200 N Dakota Avenue
Monday, July 25, 2022; 5:30 pm***

Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:32 by Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Joshua Peterson, Environmental Services
Manager City of Sioux Falls
Barbara Hamer, Citizen Representative
Tim Edman, Citizen Representative
Shannon Dwire, Recycling Industry
Representative
Cindy Neuroth, Waste Hauling Industry
Representative
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent
Holly Meier, City of Sioux Sustainability
Coordinator
**Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning
Representative

Members Absent:

Mark Kaufman, Turner County
Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Representative
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative
Ron Sauby, South Dakota Multi-Family
Housing Association Representative

** Arrived after roll call

Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Gregg Engler, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office;
Mackenzie Songstad, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls
Environmental; Marissa Begley, Millennium Recycling; Jaydn Ford, Todd Sandman- Sandman
Sanitary

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Scott Anderson and seconded Barbara Hammer to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper, Anderson 7. Noes, 0.

Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were revised to include feedback from Shannon Dwire

Motion made by Joshua Peterson and seconded by Tim Edman to approve the amended minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for Quarter 2.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper, Anderson, Hanson 8. Noes, 0.

Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Reports

1. Landfill

MSW tonnage for 2022

- 103,500 tons (0.2% increase from 2021)

C&D tonnage for 2022

- 40,600 tons (19% increase from 2021)

Mattresses Recycled

- 7300 (700 less than last year)

Tires Recycled

- 530 Ton (80 Ton more than last year)
- Applied for tire grant through the DANR. 80/20 Match. (\$80,000 DANR, \$20,000 CSF)

Last week for waived storm debris tipping fees

- 12th and Lyons Site only

Presentation on Landfill CIP 2023-2027

- Discussion of the Landfill Enterprise Fund followed.
- Public Input: No public input

2. Environmental Report – Holly Meier

- Quarter 2 Recycling Reports went out to haulers
- 2022 YTD recycling rate = 18.9%
 - 2022 Goal = 20.5%
 - 2022 Standard (80% of Goal) = 16.4 %
- Downward trend in recycling rate
- Board Discussion:
 - Environmental will be working on waste characterization study to better understand the issue, as well as reaching out to haulers and recycling industry to help improve rates.
 - Education, enforcement, mandatory or voluntary, multi-housing opportunities discussed.
 - Idea for grant challenge to innovation. Proposed \$100,000 for challenge grant to come out of the budget
 - City of Sioux Falls will be reaching out soon for additional conversations.
 - Determine if there is a straw poll before next meeting. City will follow up with board members.
- Public Input: No public input

3. Recycling Industry Report – Shannon Dwire

- Markets:
 - Fiber markets stagnate- inventories at the mills are full
 - Metal and plastic markets are down
 - Tin food cans are not moving since April
- Transportation continues to be a challenge- high cost, more loads in the area than trucks
- EcoManiacs- is working on a rebrand and education and informational focus.
- Millennium is looking at a broad education campaign addressing changes in processing as well as trying to boost participation and decrease contamination
 - Researching an educational trailer for use in the community and for use at our facility tours
- Local facts/diversion opportunities that will include and promote all no profits and businesses that are landfill diversion
 - Which in the end keeps non-processable materials out of our facility and out of the landfill.
- Address increase of MSW/Recycle ratio in the 5 counties
- Renew Education much needed in our area with population growth
- Facility machinery upgrade which will include robots
 - Looking at bag removal which will affect the whole community.
 - Bags banned in 2019
 - Large investment means a need for support from the community, the counties and the City to keep material coming in to pay for the upgrades. It is a risk especially while we watch the recycling numbers decline and more garbage in the recycling.
- Landfill is the path of least resistance for all diversion opportunities
 - Diversion will continue to be a struggle without enforcement and inflation in all areas but the landfill cost stays lower than all other areas
 - Lowest rate in the area. Diversion can't compete at those cost levels.
- New Business- Start a diversion education fund plan for submission to the City Council
 - Grant program or other funding towards Education/Diversion

Board Discussion:

- Invest in education or grant
- Idea to put together a working group in the next 2 weeks to explore
- Submit agenda items to be considered for next meeting

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- Haulers would like reminders on City public announcements- where to take storm debris- and when the landfill will be closed, etc.

5. Citizen Representative Report – Barbara Hamer

- No report

6. County Reports – Jon Hanson

- Lake
 - No Report
- Lincoln
 - No Report
- McCook
 - No Report

- Minnehaha
 - No report
- Turner
 - No Report

New Business:

1. Discussion on Solid Waste Planning Board expansion proposal

Board Discussion:

- Continuing conversation on Solid Waste Planning Board Expansion proposal, continue discussion from the last 2 meetings
- Josh reached out to all the counties – to discuss with them the potential of the board changing and preferred communication methods.
- Discussed rationale for the proposed scope expansion:
 - provide advisory and recommendations to the City Council and Mayor for other sustainability oriented topics
 - past several years there has not been a lot of discussion and topics for board to work on. After reviewing past attendance for the past few years, lots of missed attendance, possible opportunity to expand scope and it would be an additional way to bring people back into the meeting.
 - Still maintain solid waste and recycling and other topics relevant to this community’s vitality.
- Concerns raised about 3 government employees on the board –the advisory board that provides advice to government.
- Concern recycling hasn’t been as much a focus as could be
- Straw poll for next meeting- city will follow up

A motion was made by Tim Edman seconded by Shannon Dwire that prior to submitting solid waste planning board expansion proposal to the city council – city staff will submit the final plan to this advisory board for input and the board may at its discretion take a vote on its position regarding the proposed plan. If a vote is taken, city staff will provide the results to the city council, along with a written summary of the board comments to the council regarding the plan.

Board discussion: Josh is fine with motion –plans to bring plan to board for final vote before going to council.

Public Input: None

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper, Hanson 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

No public input public.

A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth and seconded by Barbara Hamer to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper, Hanson 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**