



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

*Downtown Library
200 N Dakota Avenue
Monday, October 24, 2022; 5:30 pm*

Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 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

*Left meeting before adjournment

Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Gregg Engler, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office;
Dawn Elsinger, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Todd Sandman, Sandman Sanitary Service; Heidi
Plimpton, City of Sioux Falls Finance; Luke Rodig, Burns & McDonnell; Jesse DeWitt, A-OK
Sanitary Service

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded Cindy Neuroth to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were revised to include feedback from Tim Edman

Motion made by Joshua Peterson and seconded by Cindy Neuroth to approve the amended minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for Quarter 3.

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

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Reports

1. Landfill

- MSW tonnage for 2022
 - 161,262 (1% increase from 2021)
- C&D tonnage for 2021
 - 91,111 (37% increase from 2021)
- Tire Grant ends October 31st.
- Scrap Metal Contract
 - Scored Proposals today
- Annual Airspace Survey Scheduled for November
- Cell 4 Construction
 - We are continuing to put sand down with a goal of having that wrapped up by the end of November beginning of December.
- Shooting to have Scale house and customer convenience area 95% plans design completed mid-November.
- License renewal time. Apply online.
- Christmas observed on Monday 12/26 and Landfill will be closed.
- Waste Characterization Study
 - Just wrapped up the first sort
 - Another sort will be done possibly in February
 - HDR Engineering is doing the study with an ASCM standard.

- Public Input: No public input

2. Environmental Report – Holly Meier

Recycling

- Recycling reports have gone out for Quarter 3 and September.

- The year to date recycling rate is 18.2%. The 2021 goal is 20.5% and standard is 16.4%
 - 2021 Q3: 20.1%
 - 2020 Q3: 21.8%
 - 2019 Q3: 21.9%

- 2018 Q3: 21.9%
- 6 haulers not meeting the standard as of end of July.

Recycling Task Force just kicked off this month.

Waste diversion. City awarded a \$6,000 Sustainable Community Grant to SoDak Compost, a new-this-year community compost non-profit in town. They have been collecting food waste as part of their pilot program since June and just this month passed the 5,000 pounds of food waste diverted.

HHWF

Through Q3 of 2022:

- 420,000 pounds of HHW diverted
- 650,000 pounds of e-waste recycled
- Nearly 20,000 facility visits
- Board Discussion:
 - No board discussion
- Public Input:
 - No public input

3. Recycling Industry Report – Shannon Dwire

- Millennium purchased a trailer for education for use throughout all serviced communities and to educate on ALL waste diversion -not just single stream recycling. This is in Sioux Falls and will incorporate museum quality design. This trailer is meant to be used for children and community education. Millennium is focusing on education and outreach and is in the works with a large education campaign through a firm in Sioux Falls. This trailer will be operated by EcoManiacs/SideStep, the local nonprofit clearinghouse for information and education.
- Just returned from Chicago for the National Paper and Plastics Recycling Conference. Searching for out of the region market opportunities. Markets are in deep decline, they are over-full, and made more complicated by a St Paul Paper Mill cardboard machine permanent closure at the end of October.
- Market's decline are indicators of the economy through the packaging side of the equation. This could be a tough year. Millennium is prepared to work through it and keep our recycling program strong.
- Millennium has contracts in place that currently put it in a place of security for their materials but many generators do not have a home for their materials. Millennium will work to try to help those who do not have a home for recycling cardboard. Haulers will need to be careful to not push available tons that are not secured into our facility as we only have limited room in our agreements.
- Freight has slowed down immensely in the market. Hoping costs will come down a bit but that is still directed by labor and fuel costs. More trucking available.
- Metal markets are steady. Plastics have come down but are directed more by new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) initiatives nationally and the big name bottlers such as Coke, Pepsi, water bottlers, etc. Who will have influence on those markets going forward? There are some concerns being raised that secondary materials such as fiber, i.e. carpets and textiles made from bottle plastics may have cost challenges due to not being bottle to bottle or closed loop. The decline in the housing markets have slowed those manufacturers down as well.

- Board Discussion:
 - No board discussion
- Public Input:
 - No public input

4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth

- No Report

5. Citizen Representative Report – Tim Edman

- Tim voiced his observation on the message his waste hauler is leaving. The voicemail message is “due to unforeseen circumstances they will not be able to get his garbage pick up until a later date.” Tim’s concern is that the message is not a transparent message. He is not suggesting any action on this observation.

6. County Reports

- Lake
 - No Report
- Lincoln
 - No Report
- McCook
 - No Report
- Minnehaha
 - Scott Anderson
 - Waste Hauler renewals have been mailed out for the Solid Waste Haulers in the county. There are 12 of them. They are \$50 and are due November 30th
 - Scott is working with Don Kuper on the 5 year solid waste permit renewal for the landfill. It will be going to commission as soon as the county can get it scheduled.
- Turner
 - No Report

New Business:

1. 2023 Board meeting dates

- After the board discussed some possible dates it was decided to move the meetings to the 3rd Monday of the Month. Holly will send the new dates out.

2. Recycling Task Force discussion

- Holly presented some slides showing some problems that we are facing in the recycling industry.
- The purpose of the Task Force is a 12 to 18 month plan to understand and address the declining recycling rates and to ultimately reverse that trend.
- Possible outputs of the task force are possible ordinance changes, recycling campaigns, education, communication, possibly behavior change, incentives or disincentives. Other programs that would be applicable. Also evaluating the recycling rates and methodology that we currently have in ordinance.

- The composition of the task force is:
 - 2 members from Millennium
 - 2 Solid Waste Planning Board Members
 - 3 haulers represented
 - 2 city representatives
- Holly gave a brief run down on what has been completed so far
- Don Kuper gave an update on the Waste Characterization study and when the results will be done.
- Public Input
 - Dan Neuroth opened a discussion about recycling rates percentages and diversion from the community.
 - Are we using the same comparisons as other communities use?
- Board Input
 - Josh commented that he appreciates those that take the time for input on the task force.

3. Recycling Education and Demonstration Grant Program proposal

- Tim gave a hand out on the proposal.
- Tim presented the proposal and went over the hand out.
- Public Input
 - There was no input
- Board Discussion
 - The program might be a little premature until after the task force is completed.
 - The enterprise fund that is listed for funding the grant is also needed for capital projects and the fund will go down considerably over the next 4 years.
 - \$250,000 is not a huge investment. Millennium receives a lot of calls from people wanting to know how to recycle. We need consistent education.
 - There is a hesitancy to move forward before we know what's going on. Education enforcement doesn't need a grant program to move forward with that. There could be other pathways to look at. We do not know yet why recycling is dropping.
 - There is a lot of unanswered questions at this point.
 - Education has been lacking in the past. The city wants to develop a plan to improve on this. They want to find out what works.
 - When looking at the budget. In 2022 we were spent \$400,000 more than the revenues. In 2023 \$4.2 Million is budgeted in Capital and operating expenses.
 - How are we going to justify spending the taxpayer's money on this? It would be an easier sell when we have more information.

A motion was made by Tim Edman to recommend that the City add the proposed Recycling Education and Demonstration Grant Program to its 2023 budget. Shannon Dwire seconded the motion.

Tim Edman amended the motion to the Solid Waste Planning Board recommend that the

Recycling Education and demonstration program with the establishment of the amount and timing of the grant to be determined. To be considered at the next quarterly meeting.

Board Discussion:

- A. Is the approval of this amended motion that the program would be established and we are figuring out the details?
- B. Tim said are approving the concept with this motion.
- C. After more discussion Tim Edman withdrew his motion.

An amended the motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded by Shannon Dwire that The Solid Waste Planning Board recommends the establishment of the Recycling Education and Demonstration Grant Program with the amount, timing, and related details to be determined and considered at the next quarterly meeting.

Board Discussion

- A. Would like to see plan in place before voting for this proposal.

Public Input: None

Vote to approve: Yeses, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Hanson 4. Noes, Peterson, Hamer, Kuper, Meier 4. Abstains 0. Motion fails.

Public Input:

- Heidi Plimpton from Finance stated that in January the 2024 budget will be getting discussed. If we want the grant to be discussed for 2023 it would need to get the approval from Council since that budget has already been set.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Cindy Neuroth to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Shannon Dwire at 7:09 pm

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Dwire, Neuroth, Kuper, Hanson, Meier 8. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. Meeting adjourned.

No public input.

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.**