



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

Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:31 by Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mark Kaufman, Turner County Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County Representative
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative

*Arrived after roll call

Others present:

Dan Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Jesse Dewitt, A-Ok Sanitation; Laurie Cressman-Advance Recycling; Gregg Engler, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office; Mackenzie Songstad City of Sioux Falls Public Works,

Approval of Agenda

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

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

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Edman and seconded by Josh Peterson to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for Quarter 1.

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

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business

Continuing Business

MSW tonnage for 2021

- 49,069 (2.3% increase from 2021)

C&D tonnage for 2021

- 13,362 (0% increase from 2021)

Mattresses Recycled

- 2972 (162 less than last year)

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Commercial lane open to public

Spring Leaf and Tree Branch Drop-Off Open until Memorial Day

- 12th and Lyons Site only

2022 Projects

- Leachate Force main controls and pump scheduled to be complete this summer.
- Cell 4 Liner project will start at the beginning of May.
- LFG/leachate infrastructure improvements project will bid this Thursday.
- Working on a final design for new scale house and Customer Convenience expansion.
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2. Environmental Report – Holly Meier

- Recycling
 - Recycling rate in 2021 dropped to 20.5%. In 2020 it was 22.1%.
 - Recycling goal for 2022 is 22.1%.
 - Quarter 1 recycling report went out to haulers. Q1 average recycling rate is 19.8%
- Draft Sustainability and Climate Action Plan
 - Draft Sustainability and Climate Action Plan was posted for public comment on March 1. Over 100 comments received from individuals and organizations, ranging from supportive to very concerned. In response to the feedback, the City is continuing to work on the plan and will engage additional stakeholders in the coming months. Stakeholders will include more residents; commercial businesses; the natural gas and electric utilities; home builders; automotive, trucking, and construction industries; and other interested parties.
- Big Sioux River Greenway Cleanup
 - Held Sat. April 23 to celebrate Earth Day
 - Volunteer counts still coming in: 250 volunteers with 3 additional sites needing to report.
 - 1,500 pounds of litter cleaned up
- April Mayor’s Column promotes clean-up activities community-wide, including the BSR River Greenway Cleanup, landfill cleanup on May 21, Beedle Greenway/Ellis and Eastern Rail Line cleanup on May 14.
 - #CleanUpSiouxFalls
 - Project Nice and Keep this week
 - Sustainability Grant
 - Upon through EOD 4/26/22

3. Recycling Industry Report – Shannon Dwire

- 2021 22,700 single stream 1.5 % increase
- 50,000 tons for the region through Millennium
- Residue 3.4 % last year at 4.2 % this year
- Looking back at the last 5 years MSW increase of 17.7% last 5 years’ population up 9 % recycling is down 1.9%
- Focusing on education for regional and commercial businesses
- Improvements for the end of the year- in preparation for staffing shortages and creating more efficiencies.
- Markets are strong- markets are full in the Midwest. Internationally more demand than supply

- Lot of theft in metal and pallets
 - SD DENR- updating SD recycling and diversion numbers. Voluntary in 2011. Numbers are voluntary. Hard to do education when numbers are not required.
 - Recycling is a direct correlation and keystone to a city's sustainability program it is listed throughout ordinance and plans.
 - Recycling is losing ground in an increasing population and needs more work.
 - Permanent representatives representing the landfill and garbage hauling contradict sustainability without a recycling representative. Removal of recycling is not representative of current waste plans, ordinances, and S/CAP is not yet approved.
 - Concern of removing 4 counties from the board when the landfill is inclusive of 5 counties.
 - Concern that if the scope is broadened too much that it will minimize the board's impact and questioned if SWPB should continue as is and if the scope is too large another group composed of Energy & Climate Action should be considered.
4. Solid Waste Industry Report – Cindy Neuroth
 - No report
 5. Citizen Representative Report – Timothy Edman
 - No report
 6. County Reports
 - Lake
 - No Report
 - Lincoln
 - No Report
 - McCook
 - No Report
 - Minnehaha
 - Working on methane digesters for dairy's- 4 or 5 of them. Capture enough methane to heat every house in Minnehaha county outside the city
 - Turner
 - No Report

New Business:

Proposal for Solid Waste Planning Board Expanded Scope

- Presentation by Holly Meier to broaden scope of Solid Waste Planning Board by transitioning it to the Sustainability Advisory Board in order to provide broader advisement and recommendations to Mayor and City Council and to support community and City sustainability efforts that include but are not limited to solid waste and recycling.
- Initial presentation at Q1 Board meeting elicited suggestions that a 9-member Board would be too small. City incorporated feedback and proposed 11-person Board at Q2 meeting.

Public input was given by Jesse Dewitt and Dan Neuroth.

Support of a Recycling Representative

Concern over 1 representation from all 5 counties that are very different from one another but noted that they do not always participate. All counties do not always have a stake in the current topics.

A motion was made by Barbara Hammer and seconded by Shannon Dwire to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Hanson, Neuroth, Kuper, Edman, Sauby, Dwire, Anderson 9. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**