

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
April 6, 2011

(draft minutes to be considered for approval at the next scheduled meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Manternach, Ric Jones, David Resnick

STAFF PRESENT: Don Vogt, Chuck Goddard, Doug Hughes, Bev Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Rettenmeier, Scott Dittmer, Brian Harthun, Chris Savers, Chris Lawn, Paul Schultz, Nita Wiederaenders

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Resnick and seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Goddard requested approval from the Board for a new DMASWA Recycling Drop-Off Station Host Agreement. He said that staff has drafted an agreement with the Northend Neighborhood Association to host a drop-off station at Flexsteel for residents to drop off recyclables in the north end of Dubuque. Mr. Goddard said that this would be the second drop-off station within the city limits of Dubuque. He further noted that staff is working on two additional locations to be determined in the near future. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve the agreement.

Mr. Goddard requested authorization to transfer \$86,413 from the General Fund to the Financial Assurance Fund, as required by Iowa law. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to authorize the transfer.

Mr. Goddard requested direction regarding a possible Agency policy change addressing smoking on Agency property. He noted that in 2008, the Agency adopted a policy banning smoking in all Agency buildings and equipment in accordance with the Iowa Smokefree Act. Mr. Goddard said that the Iowa Department of Health inspected the landfill facility recently after receiving a complaint regarding an employee smoking in the scalehouse. He said the Iowa Department of Health inspector suggested making the entire Agency facility smoke free. After extensive discussion, the Board agreed to allow employees and customers to smoke in their personal vehicles only and directed staff to post the restrictions for customers at the gate. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to amend the Agency's smoking policy to allow smoking on Agency property only in personal vehicles.

Mr. Chris Lawn of Cornerstone Engineering presented information to the Board regarding the request for proposals for the sale of Agency carbon credits that he had prepared for Board consideration. He noted that the Agency's landfill methane

collection system had been approved by the National Registry and that the Agency was now able to sell its carbon credits. Mr. Goddard requested permission to proceed with soliciting proposals. Mr. Lawn noted the need to review dates with staff before actually issuing the request for proposals. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to proceed with issuing the request for proposals.

Mr. Vogt requested direction regarding a possible firearms ban policy, noting a recent incident at the landfill Board members discussed the proposal at length, but did not reach consensus regarding a course of action. Motion was made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to refer back to staff and table discussion until the May meeting.

Mr. Vogt reported that the February Operating Statement shows slightly lower than budgeted expenditures and stronger than budgeted revenues year to date. side. Motion was made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to accept the February Operating Statement and refer it for subsequent audit.

Staff Reports were reviewed to include the Solid Waste Tonnage Reports, Education and Communication Coordinator's Report, EMS Update, DMASWA Facebook Page, and Correspondence from State Senator Pam Jochum.

There was public input from Mr. Schultz regarding an article that was published recently in Julien's Journal regarding the reasons why curbside glass recycling is not sustainable. He said that he feels there are other materials that can be diverted from the landfill and recycled instead.

Mr. Schultz also noted that he is a part of the review group for the City of Dubuque Water Pollution Control Plant's Bio-Solids Project.

The Directors affirmed that their next meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21 at 5:51 p.m.

The Board came back into open session at 6:04 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Locher
Acting Agency Secretary