

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY

September 7, 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, Mary Ann Specht

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Dittmer, Mark Torresani, Paul Schultz

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 Ct., Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Vogt reviewed a correspondence from James McFarlane regarding the possible transfer of his property adjacent to the landfill. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file the correspondence.

Mr. Goddard provided an overview of the request from Dittmer Recycling, Inc. to amend their recently signed current recycling contract with the Agency. Mr. Dittmer explained that upon further review of the contract, he would like to amend the contract to include incentives that were not in the original contract but added in January 2009 at the request of Dittmer Recycling, Inc. during a tremendous decline in the recycling markets at that time. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to refer the request to staff for further analysis and a written recommendation.

Mr. Goddard reviewed the Emissions Reduction Purchase Agreement with DTE Carbon, LLC for the purchase carbon credits from the landfill gas collection and flaring system. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve the agreement as reviewed by legal staff.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from the City of Cascade to fund recycling bins for roadside recycling. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve funding at 50% in the amount of \$1,088.50 as recommended by the committee.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from Four Mounds Energy Center for weatherization materials. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to concur with the committee and not fund the request.

Mr. Goddard presented the Waste Minimization Grant Request from ECIA. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to approve the request as recommended by the committee for 100% funding in the amount of \$24,800 for continuation of the green certified

Petal Project to encourage businesses to adopt more sustainable business practices.

Mr. Goddard provided an overview of the correspondence from the City of Dubuque requesting finance charges be waived for the disposal of the City of Dubuque's Water and Resource Recovery Center's mercury-contaminated materials brought to the landfill. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to waive all related late fees and finance charges.

Mr. Goddard outlined the proposal for a service agreement with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC for assistance with preparing the Agency's FY13-FY33 budget and fee schedules. Motion made by Mr. Resnick, seconded by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the service agreement not to exceed \$6000.

Mr. Goddard and Mr. Hughes provided information regarding the request to purchase a used 2002 Ford F-150 vehicle which can run on gasoline or compressed natural gas. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to authorize the vehicle purchase in the amount of \$10,995.

Mr. Vogt presented the July 2011 Operating Statement, which is the first statement of FY12. Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file the statement for audit.

Staff reports were reviewed to include: Solid Waste Tonnage Reports, Education and Communication Coordinator Report, Goodwill correspondence regarding electronics recycling, City of Dubuque Attorney correspondence regarding geologic lawsuit, AECOM correspondence regarding Leachate Control System Performance Evaluation, Composting STA Lab Report, Farm Lease Terminations and Recycling Contract Review meeting from August 8, 2011 . Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to receive and file all staff reports.

No public comments were received.

The Directors then affirmed that their next meeting will be held on October 5, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Resnick, carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Ann Specht  
Agency Secretary

