

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :****: FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Peoria, Illinois, June 23, 2008, a Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting was held this date at 8:03 A.M., at Conference Room 402, 456 Fulton Street, with Mr. Lester D. Bergsten presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Committee Members were physically present: Bob Akers, Les Bergsten, Patrick Nichting, Ryan Spain, Eldon Polhemus, Merle Widmer, and Steve Van Winkle - 7. Absent: – none.

City/County Staff present: Dave Barber, Julie Dewey, Miranda Floyd, Karen Raithel, Randy Ray (arrived at 8:13), and Ruth Blancaflor.

Other interested parties: Emily Ambroso, Dan Erni, Dave Schaab, Mike Wiersema, Steve Matheny, Steve Harenberg, Patrick Sloan, and Jerry Wyatt.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**AGENDA ITEMS****ITEM NO. 1. REPORT from FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC****A. Request for Approval of Special Waste Permit(s).**

Mr. Patrick Sloan, Environmental Engineer from Foth Infrastructure, discussed the special waste memorandum listing four waste streams, which were forwarded to the Committee in their packets. He noted the first two required action, but the other two were already pre-approved.

Mr. Nichting moved to approve the special waste permit applications, as outlined; seconded by Mr. Akers.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**Letter to IEPA Regarding Gas Migration**

Mr. Sloan handed out to all members of the Landfill Committee a letter to IEPA dated June 20, 2008, notifying them of the landfill's gas migration, which was reported on at the previous committee meeting. He noted it was for information only.

**Report on Cover Work Needed at Landfill #1**

Mr. Sloan stated he would be coming back to the committee at its next meeting with a recommendation for work at Landfill #1. Upon review, he said he had determined some of the final cover conditions needed work. Some of it was RTC-related, he said.

Mr. Nichting moved to receive and file the report; seconded by Mr. Van Winkle.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ITEM NO. 2 REVIEW AND APPROVE Proposed Request for Qualifications – Joint City of Peoria/County of Peoria Solid Waste Disposal Facility Expansion (DRAFT dated June 16, 2008).**

Mr. Sloan discussed the Draft RFQ for the Solid Waste Disposal Facility Expansion, dated June 16, 2008. He said the comments given by the committee at its prior meeting had been incorporated into the current document.

In discussion with Mr. Bergsten, Mr. Sloan stated the RFQ could be issued as soon as the day after the July committee meeting, once the board approved it.

Mr. Spain encouraged the committee to use the next 30 days to give the document additional consideration. He specifically noted one area needing consideration was the type of revenue coming back to the City and County. He said the committee should lead the charge on what the priorities are and how they want to move forward on that fee.

Mr. Van Winkle noted the points for the scoring, on page 5. He said he noticed the scoring for "Consistency with the County Solid Waste Management Plan" and the next one for "Encourages Recycling and Diversion." He said the Solid Waste Management Plan does encourage recycling and diversion and so he believed those two items were redundant. Also, he said one of the categories most important to him was Overall Conceptual Design of the facility. He said how methane gas is managed in the design is critical, and that very strong consideration for points within that area should be given for any design that included the kind of system that would convert the gas to energy.

Mr. Sloan noted it may also be covered under shared revenues and sustainability issues.

Mr. Akers questioned how the operations would be handled in case of a strike, as discussed on page 11, section 1.11 "Force Majeure." In discussion, it was determined that, due to union issues, either Public Works Management staff may have to fill in or some court action would need to be taken since it would be a public health issue.

Mr. Bergsten reminded the committee to review the document for the next month and that it would be included on the agenda for approval at the July committee meeting.

Mr. Sloan invited the Board Members to e-mail any more comments they may have on the document to him. He noted that, from today's discussions, he would work more on Section 6 to be more explicit on those scoring issues.

Mr. Nichting moved to place the Request for Qualifications for the Joint City of Peoria/County of Peoria Solid Waste Disposal Facility Expansion Project on the committee agenda for the July meeting, for approval; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ITEM NO. 3 REPORT from WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**A. Monthly Activity Reports**

Mr. Matheny discussed the Year to Year Comparison report for May, 2008. He noted MSW continued to run at or above last year's volumes. He said special waste will go up after June, due to a large special waste project that was approved at the previous meeting. Total receipts are running just below last year's volumes.

**B. Permit approvals, as needed**

Landfill No. 2 Engineering & Compliance Status Report for May/June 2007

Mr. Matheny handed out to all committee members a memo from Dan Erni dated June 22, 2008, and he outlined that report. He discussed the Completed Activities and Planned Activities outlined in the memo.

Request for Approval to Seek Recycled Concrete Materials/Grinding Permit

Regarding the recycling activities, Mr. Matheny stated a customer had recently proposed a concrete recycling effort. He said the customer would bring in his own grinder and grind the concrete which could then be used for several things. He said a landfill would be required to have a permit for that use, and that the biggest issues concerning the effort would be air and noise restrictions. He said they were reviewing how to process and reuse recycled materials. Concrete was the only material they were currently reviewing, he said, but at some point, it may be more cost-effective to pull more of those items out for recycling as opposed to leaving them in the landfill.

In discussion with Mr. Bergsten, Mr. Matheny stated whatever aggregate the landfill could not use for roads would be hauled out.

In discussion with Mr. Van Winkle regarding this effort causing any lost revenue streams for what otherwise would go into the landfill, Mr. Matheny stated the minimum that would be charged for the materials would be the usual taxes and fees that always had to be paid.

In further discussion, Mr. Wiersema stated there were a couple of options for the site for this effort. He said they were considering constructing a pad on the landfill or in the area directly north of cells 4 and 5 or west of the stock pile area. He explained that it was best to keep it away from the compost area and near the hill so as not to disturb homes in the area. At present, he said the material had an internal use but that, if there was a surplus and it was of a quality that could be sold, it could be viable for that.

Mr. Matheny stated they had considered stockpiling the material for about 3 weeks and then having the mobile grinder come out once a month to grind the material.

In discussion with Mr. Widmer, Mr. Matheny explained that if it was going to be sold, there would be some charge to the buyer in order for the landfill to recoup its processing fees for the grinding of the materials. He stated that, currently, it was less expensive to acquire the materials this way than if they had to go out and purchase aggregate for the roads. Otherwise, he said, they would not use recycled materials if the purchased aggregate was cheaper.

Mr. Nichting questioned how much of this material came in on a monthly basis, and Mr. Matheny estimated it was about 1500 tons, on average. He said the number spiked during the summer months, since demolitions were more frequent.

Request for Report Back Regarding Composting Activities

Mr. Widmer expressed concern that the current composting activities at the landfill were not what he believed the County Board had understood would happen under the current contract. He requested that the composting item be revisited. He said he did not believe it was true compost.

Mr. Wiersema stated it was a composted material, and he agreed it was not a material you would want to mix in the yard. Right now, he said, it is used for soil amendment and alternative cover on the landfill.

Mr. Van Winkle reminded the committee that, the way the contract with Waste Management is written, from the collection side it has to be separated and then something else has to be done with that waste stream. Therefore, he said there was no contractual way to make Waste Management do anything else with it. Also, he said, the lawmakers in Springfield opposed it, and the state law would have to be changed. As it is, he said, the state law is being met.

Mr. Nichting noted the law would have to specify Peoria's landfill, only, for it to succeed.

In discussion with Mr. Widmer regarding whether or not there would be any cost savings by revisiting the issue, Mr. Van Winkle stated that not putting it in the landfill as a waste stream would be somewhat of a trade-off, because it was currently being used for landfill cover.

Mr. Nichting requested a report back regarding the potential options and what would need to be done in order to pursue those options.

Mr. Van Winkle requested that the report back include Waste Management's current procedures for the waste stream.

Mr. Sloan stated he would put together a memorandum. He said there were a number of options. The state law is what the state law is, he said, and we are prohibited from putting it in the landfill except what they are doing now. He said he would work together with Waste Management staff to produce the report back.

Mr. Nichting moved for approval for Mr. Barber to sign the necessary recycling activities permit documents, subject to Mr. Sloan's review, and for Waste Management to proceed with seeking EPA approval for a permit for concrete grinding and reuse of those materials at the Landfill, subject to committee approval and site approval; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Mr. Sloan stated his review would be based upon the activities being within the permit boundaries but, otherwise, the matters would be brought back to the next meeting, since some of what was discussed was off the permit.

Mr. Van Winkle moved for approval for Mr. Barber to sign the three other permit documents necessary, as outlined in Mr. Ernie's report; seconded by Mr. Nichting.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ITEM NO. 4 REPORT on RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION****A. Request for Approval of Statement(s) of SmithAmundsen LLC:  
Matter #3006747; Invoice #308014, dated June 3, 2008.**

Ms. Floyd reviewed the statement of SmithAmundsen LLC for invoice #308014 dated June 3, 2008, which had been forwarded to the committee in their packets. She said she also had sent out a packet documenting the 3.5 hours from the April billing which Mr. Widmer requested be further documented. She requested that the Committee approve both billings.

Mr. Widmer stated that the billing seemed to be consistent but he again expressed his frustration that the matter could have been cleared up by a simple phone call to him. He said it was a lot of expense that could have been handled by the local staff.

Ms. Floyd stated the billing was not just addressing the email, but that it listed a group of things in the 3.5 hours being invoiced. She briefly outlined those other items.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Invoice and the 3.5 hours billed on April 25, 2008; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Yeas: Mr. Akers, Mr. Bergsten, Mr. Nichting, Mr. Spain, Mr. Polhemus, and Mr. Van Winkle – 6.

Nays: Mr. Widmer – 1.

Mr. Polhemus requested knowing the total paid to SmithAmundsen LLC, and Ms. Dewey stated she would provide that information to him.

**ITEM NO. 5 REVIEW Proposed REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS for Landfill Gas Utility  
FLARE SYSTEM, Peoria City/County Landfill No. 1**

Mr. Sloan reported that he had been in discussions with Waste Management and they had a flare that would be brought over to East Peoria to have it on hand and ready.

Mr. Nichting moved to defer discussion regarding the proposed Request for Quotations for Landfill Gas Utility Flare System, Peoria City/County Landfill No. 1 to the next month's meeting for placement on the Agenda; seconded by Mr. Van Winkle.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****Insurance Claim Issue**

Mr. Ray stated he would report back on the issue at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Raithel stated she had received the statistical information from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> household hazardous waste recycling event. She said 555 gallon drums of materials had been collected, and she expressed gratitude to the state for the funds to host the event. Also, she said she had learned that Tazewell County would be hosting a like event in the fall and she believed they would be selecting the Caterpillar Morton facility area for their event. She said she would provide more information on that when it became available.

**NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Bergsten announced the next Regular Landfill Committee meeting would be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., at City Hall Conference Room 404. He also reminded the committee that the August meeting would be held at the Scale House at the Landfill site.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Nichting moved for the Landfill Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Yeas: Akers, Bergsten, Nichting, Polhemus, Spain, Widmer, Van Winkle.

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Nichting moved to adjourn the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee meeting; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The regular Landfill Committee meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

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Lester D. Bergsten  
Chairman