

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

Peoria, Illinois, August 20, 2008, a Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting was held this date at 8:07 A.M., at the Peoria City/County Landfill Scale House, Brimfield, Illinois, with Mr. Lester D. Bergsten presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Committee Members were physically present: Bob Akers, Les Bergsten, Eldon Polhemus, Ryan Spain and Merle Widmer - 5. Absent: Patrick Nichting, Steve Van Winkle - 2.

City/County Staff present: Bob Tyler, Miranda Floyd, Karen Raithel and Patti Pitcher.

Other interested parties: Emily Ambroso, Dan Erni, Steve Harenberg, Steve Matheny, Carl Niemann, Joe Roberts, Dave Schaab, Mike Wiersema.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Bergsten introduced Robert Tyler, Superintendent of Operations & Maintenance for the City of Peoria. He joined the City in May 2008 and is sitting in today for Mr. Barber who is out of town.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Polhemus moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting held on July 16, 2008; seconded by Mr. Akers

Approved by viva voce vote.

**AGENDA ITEMS****ITEM NO. 1. REPORT from FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC****A. Permit approvals as needed.**

Ms. Ambroso, Environmental Engineer from Foth Infrastructure, reported there were three (3) permit applications for today's meeting, one which was included in the packet and two others that were received after the packet deadline but which were emailed to Committee members in advance. **1.** Peoria Housing Authority [Friable Asbestos Construction Material – Uncontaminated]; **2.** Illinois Agricultural Association [Non-Friable Asbestos Containing Materials]; **3.** Illinois Agricultural Association [Friable and Non-Friable Asbestos Containing Materials]; **4.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [Coal Slag and Paint Chips]; **5.** Hitachi [Ground Limestone]; **6.** ADM [Refractory Brick]; and **7.** Air Liquide Industrial [Mol-sieve Filter Media – Non-hazardous Aluminosilicate]. No technical objections. Committee approval requested.

A groundwater assessment report was submitted to IEPA on August 15<sup>th</sup> which Mr. Barber signed prior to submittal. Ms. Ambroso requests the Committee receive and file the report.

A semi-annual air monitoring report is due at the end of August which will require Mr. Barber's signature.

IEPA now mandates individual certifications for landfill owners and operators. These will require both Mr. Barber's and Mr. Bergsten's signatures.

The Annual Landfill Budget is being prepared and will be presented to the Committee at the September meeting.

A dam inspection at the strip mine lake outlet in Landfill No. 1 will occur this fall.

Mr. Akers asked how friable asbestos is handled; Ms. Ambroso replied it is wetted and bagged.

Mr. Akers moved to approve the Special Waste permits as indicated, to secure the necessary signatures on the reports as outlined and to accept Foth's report; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

## **ITEM NO. 2 REPORT from WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.**

### **A. Monthly Activity Reports**

### **B. Permit approvals as needed**

Mr. Matheny reviewed the Monthly Activity Report, noting Special Waste is down from this time last year due to a couple of large projects received last year that weren't repeated this year.

Mr. Matheny clarified that asbestos is handled differently than any other loads received. Waste Management digs a hole, buries it and then places garbage on top to prevent friable or non-friable asbestos from becoming airborne. Truck traffic is also stopped during this process as an extra precaution.

Mr. Matheny reminded the Committee a tour will follow the conclusion of today's meeting. He noted Cell No. 5 is complete and ready, awaiting IEPA's approval. It is currently in its "pre-trash" state and will be viewed during the tour.

Mr. Bergsten inquired as to the cost of building a cell. Mr. Erni stated it's ~\$130,000/acre in addition to the cost of the initial dirt removal during excavation. Cell No. 5, for example, is 5.5 acres (\$715,000) plus the additional cost of removing approximately 130,000 cy of dirt. The next two cells to be built, which will be built simultaneously, will require the excavation of approximately 1 million cy of dirt.

Mr. Erni reported he's preparing two permits requiring Committee approval. One for the expansion of the gas system, one for the expansion of the leachate recirculation system. Both will require Mr. Barber's signature contingent upon Foth's review and approval.

Mr. Akers moved to approve securing Mr. Barber's signatures as outlined and to receive and file the Report from Waste Management, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Widmer.

Approved by viva voce vote.

## **ITEM NO. 3 REPORT on RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION**

[No RTC representative in attendance.]

Ms. Floyd spoke with Ms. Kujaca yesterday who is currently working on an appeal brief in conjunction with Allied's attorneys. Filing jointly will help streamline the duplicate issues. The appeal is expected to be filed next week.

The Cook County case is stagnant, nothing to report.

Regarding our Peoria case, the Defendants have filed a Motion to Dismiss. The hearing is set for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Polhemus moved to approve Ms. Floyd's report; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

#### **ITEM NO. 4 FLARE BIDS**

Foth requests this item be placed on the September Agenda.

Mr. Spain moved to defer this item for one month; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

#### **ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL of SMITH AMUNDSEN INVOICE**

Ms. Floyd reported this will be the last invoice received from Smith Amundsen since Ms. Kujaca has recently left this firm. Ms. Floyd terminated Peoria's association with Smith Amundsen via an email. She will make our continued association official with Ms. Kujaca.

She explained the actual and final amount due is only \$1,401.17; the \$31,009.02 amount is the result of the previously-approved amounts and subsequent payments passing in the mail.

Mr. Akers moved to approve the payment of \$1,401.17 as final payment due Smith Amundsen; seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Approved by viva voce vote.

#### **ITEM NO. 6 Work Plan (Draft)**

Discussion was had regarding the Work Plan as drafted for the Committee's review. Ms. Pitcher explained that because this Committee is a combination of the City and County, a Work Plan is not officially required of the City as is required of other City (only) established Committees and Commissions; however, Mr. Barber requested a Work Plan be prepared and kept on file "for the record." The items outlined in the Plan were extracted from the existing Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County pertaining to the Landfill Committee. It is not intended to be a project-specific document but rather a general outline of the Committee's goals for 2009. Submittal deadline is September 19<sup>th</sup>, two days following the next regularly-scheduled Landfill Committee meeting.

Mr. Spain commented this Plan is fine for now, but suggested that the City and County collectively provide additional input, if any, within the next 30 days for approval at the September meeting. Mr. Bergsten stated additional input would need to be provided to Ms. Pitcher in a timely manner for inclusion in next month's packet.

There being no revisions, this Work Plan will be finalized and presented to the Committee for approval at the September meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Widmer expressed concern regarding the July 15<sup>th</sup> letter included in the packet from Mr. Graham of Smith Amundsen. He asked why Smith Amundsen had not been notified in a timely manner as indicated in the letter. Ms. Floyd stated she replied to this letter via email notifying them our [Peoria's] relationship was terminated, further explaining this letter was Mr. Graham's way of letting us know he's unhappy about the termination of our relationship with his firm.

Mr. Widmer questioned if we were charged for Mr. Graham's time in writing the letter which was sent with the final invoice. It was determined we were not charged.

Mr. Tyler suggested a formal letter to terminate the Peoria City/County's relationship with Smith Amundsen would be more appropriate than an email, to which the Committee agreed. Ms. Floyd will send a formal letter as requested.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Bergsten announced that due to City Hall renovations, the next Regular Landfill Committee meeting would be held on **Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.**, at the **Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Center, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Widmer moved to adjourn the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee meeting; seconded by Mr. Akers.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The regular Landfill Committee meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

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Lester D. Bergsten  
Chairman