

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

Peoria, Illinois, September 17, 2008, a Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting was held this date at 8:12 A.M., at 3505 North Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois, with Mr. Lester D. Bergsten presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Committee Members were physically present: Les Bergsten, Ryan Spain, Merle Widmer, and Steve Van Winkle - 4. Absent: Bob Akers, Patrick Nichting, Eldon Polhemus - 3.

City/County Staff present: Dave Barber, Miranda Floyd, Karen Raithel, and Ruth Blancaflor.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.**

Mr. Bergsten announced the October 15, 2008 Landfill Committee Meeting would again be held at the 3505 North Dries Lane facility, since the fourth floor at City Hall was still in a state of renovation.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting held on August 20, 2008; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

Mr. Patrick Sloan, Environmental Engineer from Foth Infrastructure, discussed the special waste stream applications which were before the Committee for review. He noted the first two applications were included in the Committee's packets and one more was forwarded by email and handed out to all members in attendance at the meeting.

In discussion with Chairman Bergsten, Mr. Sloan agreed the Addendum 2 Memorandum did include information that the pre-approved quantities of asbestos were being exceeded. He said the Committee had currently pre-approved for 100 cubic yards of waste and that it was an issue the Committee may need to revisit, especially due to the way EPA was handling it.

In explanation, Mr. Sloan stated there were 13 waste streams for consideration. He said Foth had no objections to 9 of the waste streams, but for two of them, numbers 7 and 8, they recommended approval with conditions. He explained #7 was Caterpillar Mapleton's waste dust collector bags and filters and that a new profile and certification were needed on that, and #8 from ADM, showed as outdated material. Of that, he said the liquid was being rejected, which was one condition, that those products would not be included. There were two other waste streams listed which, he said, fell under pre-approvals and so no action was required on those.

Mr. Widmer questioned why there were so many waste streams which exceeded the pre-approval limits and needed action by the committee, and Mr. Sloan explained that contract changes over the years had made the previously-established caps outdated.

Mr. Van Winkle agreed, and he said the limits had been set rather conservatively and should be reviewed. He said the contractor had to wait for them to be approved by this Committee before they could be received at the landfill, which added to the situation.

- Chairman Bergsten suggested the procedure should be modified, and Mr. Van Winkle requested that the issue be added to a future agenda of the Landfill Committee. He said the item should contain information regarding the current limits and recommendations from Mr. Sloan, Mr. Barber, and Waste Management on revised limit guidelines.

Mr. Sloan agreed, but he cautioned that the waste acceptance procedure was a contract issue which would need to be mutually agreed.

Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve the special waste permits, as presented and with conditions as outlined; seconded by Mr. Widmer.

Approved by viva voce vote.

#### **Report Regarding Status of Request for Qualifications – Joint Solid Waste Disposal Facility Expansion**

Mr. Sloan reported the pre-proposal meeting had been held and 13 people attended, with 3 companies being involved. He said the planholders' list included those companies and one other, being a consultant which had requested information. He said the three companies represented were Waste Management, Peoria Disposal Company, and Veolia. He said one Addendum had been issued, which involved 73 questions that had been submitted and that he had forwarded four of them to Peoria County staff for answers regarding the perpetual care fund and county surcharges. He said the statements of qualification were due March 25, 2009.

- Mr. Barber stated he would add this item to the Committee's Agenda, as Item 1.B., for the next several months.

In discussion with Mr. Van Winkle regarding the surcharge, it was noted that the State of Illinois allowed the surcharge and that its use was limited under their authority.

Mr. Sloan moved to receive and file the report; seconded by Mr. Widmer.

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

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

Mr. Wiersema gave the August, 2008 monthly activity report from Waste Management. He stated yard waste was up because of all of the moisture which the area was receiving. He noted that most other waste loads were at consistent levels.

In discussion with Mr. Barber, Mr. Wiersema stated the landfill site drained well and functioned well in light of the 7 inches of rain that was received over the previous weekend. He said some erosion had taken place, and that they were prepared to handle the anticipated increase in yard waste due to the rains.

**B. Permit approvals as needed**

Mr. Wiersema stated there were no permit applications for approval presently.

Mr. Van Winkle moved to receive and file the Report from Waste Management, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

There were no representatives of RTC present at the meeting.

Mr. Sloan advised the Committee that there had been discussions with Altorfer regarding the landfill gas. He said there was only one engine running at any one time and it was usually idling. He said the same symptoms and effects continued at the site and he regularly submitted the information to EPA.

Ms. Floyd reported the local court date had been moved to December 1, 2008, for hearing on their Motion to Dismiss and she was waiting for a decision on the bankruptcy appeal case.

**ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF LANDFILL BUDGET**

Mr. Sloan outlined the 2009 landfill budget which was included in the Committee's packets. He said it was very similar to those in previous years and that the largest items involved the rehabilitation of Landfill #1 and the landfill gas issue. Both of those were tied somewhat to RTC, but he said it might be good to spend those funds and move along. He said there was \$300,000 for post-closure care. If the Committee decided to do that, he said staff would prepare and put out bid documents.

- Mr. Barber stated Ms. Dewey would include a monthly report in each month's committee packet so that the committee could follow the fund balance.

In discussion with Mr. Widmer regarding the cost to deliver and install the flares, Mr. Sloan said \$150,000 was budgeted for that item which, he said, was a conservative amount. In the past, he said, the low bid had been slightly under \$200,000 but that some things had changed which could bring the bids in lower. He said they had an estimate of \$1 million if rehabilitation of the entire collection system was necessary.

In discussion with Chairman Bergsten, Mr. Barber advised that the Landfill Budget was 100% City of Peoria and it was already programmed into the City's 2009 proposed budget at this point.

Ms. Raithel added that the adopted landfill budget was sent through the County's Health and Environmental Issues Committee, for review.

Mr. Van Winkle explained that the funds were shared funds managed by the City of Peoria and that they could not be used for any other purpose than Landfill issues.

Mr. Widmer moved to approve the 2009 Landfill Budget, as presented; seconded by Mr. Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL of LANDFILL WORK PLAN (2009).**

Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee 2009 Work Plan, as submitted; seconded by Mr. Widmer.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ITEM NO. 6 FLARE BIDS.**

Mr. Spain moved to defer the discussion of this item for one month; seconded by Mr. Widmer.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Item 1-B will be added to Monthly Agenda for Report on RFQ status;
- Monthly Financial Report, including Fund Balance to be included in monthly packets;

**Recycling Matters:**

Mr. Widmer stated more and more interest was being shown in improving recycling measures in the city of Peoria. He reiterated that everything possible should be done to keep recyclables out of the landfill.

Mr. Barber stated that the contract was up in December, 2009. After the first of the year, he said staff would be putting together a list of existing services and possible proposed services for the City Council's review and then an RFQ would be developed in order to determine what vendors would offer. He said the difficulty they faced was the cost.

Mr. Spain stated he had received many comments from the public requesting universal recycling and that he was aware of many residents new to Peoria who expected curbside recycling and were willing to pay for it, as they had done in their previous cities. He said it was an interesting issue, especially regarding the possibility of profits and the means by which the city could incentivize its citizens who wouldn't normally be interested in recycling.

Mr. Barber said one thing being reviewed for the program was the use of toters with embedded chips for billing and tracking purposes. He said the program required direction from the City Council regarding the investment and service levels that would be acceptable to them.

Mr. Spain stated it was important that the city and the county partnered together on the issue.

Mr. Van Winkle stated that, in every previous contract process, there had been an option for city-wide recycling and so that cost had been obtained. He said the cost depended upon the current market and whether or not the items had to be shipped.

Mr. Barber noted Peoria had an advantage in the river and its barge traffic, since newspaper was one of the largest recyclable. He said they should look into working that out with the Port Authority.

Mr. Schaab stated the recycling market had never been predictable. He said plastics were almost uniquely off-shore markets. Since the contract with BFI in 1992, he said there had always been curbside recycling. He announced Waste Management was adding a service day, as some of the routes had almost doubled in size, and that recycling volumes had increased from 4% to 6% since the last year, which showed the public demand is there. He stated he would have more information for the meeting next month.

Ms. Raithel noted there were no drop-off sites for cardboard within the City of Peoria, but there were locations outside the city limits.

Mr. Barber reiterated that a recycling program would be reviewed this next year but he cautioned that its implementation methods would be critical. For instance, he said, if it wasn't affordable to the community, it could create other problems.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Barber advised that the next Regular Landfill Committee meeting should again be held in the conference room at the city's Dries Lane Facility, 3505 North Dries Lane, Peoria, on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. He said the meeting room at City Hall was available but not desirable, due to the continuing renovation efforts.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The regular Landfill Committee meeting adjourned at 8:54 A.M.

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Lester D. Bergsten  
Chairman