PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012
8:30 A.M.

DATES SET:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Building, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria Illinois 61604.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Building, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria Illinois 61604.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 @ 8:30 a.m.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Building, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria Illinois 61604.

PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

ISSUED BY:

LESTER D. BERGSTEN, CHAIRMAN

via the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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THE PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETS IN REGULAR BUSINESS SESSIONS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER) AT 8:30 A.M. AT LESTER D. BERGSTEN OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM, 3505 N. DRIES LANE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET UNLESS A SPECIAL MEETING IS CALLED. NOTICES OF ANY SPECIAL MEETING ARE POSTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR.

PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING
DRIES LANE FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 18, 2012

8:30AM

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 **REPORT FROM FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC**

A. Special Waste Approvals as needed
B. Permit approvals as needed
C. Landfill Gas – Electricity Facility Update

ITEM NO. 2 **DAM PROJECT UPDATE**

ITEM NO. 3 **LANDFILL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

ITEM NO. 4 **REPORT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.**

A. Monthly Activity Report
B. Permit approvals as needed

ITEM NO. 5 **REPORT FROM PEORIA DISPOSAL CO.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

Peoria, Illinois, November 16, 2011, a Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting was held this date at 8:33A.M., at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Facility, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE

The following Committee Members were physically present: Bob Akers, Les Bergsten, Timothy Riggenbach, Lynn Scott-Pearson, Ryan Spain, Steve Van Winkle – 6; Absent – Steve Morris - 1

City/County Staff present: Dave Barber, Steve Giebelhausen, Patti Pitcher, Karen Raithel

Other interested parties: Beth Akeson, Simon Alwan, Joyce Blumenshine, Chris Coulter, Dan Erni, Joyce Harant, Steve Harenberg, Steve Matheny, Pat Sloan, Mike Wiersema, Jerry Wyatt

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

None.

MINUTES

Ms. Scott-Pearson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Peoria City/County Landfill Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2011; seconded by Mr. Van Winkle.

Approved by viva voce vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1. REPORT from FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC

A. Special Waste approvals as needed

Mr. Alwan presented two profiles, both of which require Committee action: (1) Nees Harley-Davidson [oil filters]. These are considered excluded hazardous waste. No technical objections. (2) Peoria City/County Landfill [empty drums]. This is waste abandoned by RTC. No technical objections.

Mr. Van Winkle moved to approve these two permit applications as outlined; seconded by Mr. Akers.

Approved by viva voce vote

B. Permit Approvals as needed

Mr. Alwan said Foth doesn't have any permit approvals at this time, but asks if the need arises between now and the next meeting that Foth be allowed to seek Mr. Barber's signature as needed.

C. Landfill gas – Electricity Facility Update

Foth's electrician is still waiting for cost figures from Ameren. Mr. Always will update the Committee as this information becomes available.

D. Approve Foth Engineering Service Agreement

The proposed 2012 Engineering Service Agreement is the same as in previous years except for the budgeted amount, which is $445,000. Last year's Agreement was for $369,000.

Discussion was had regarding Foth having been involved since the Peoria City/County Landfill's inception and whether or not there is any merit in going out for proposals. Mr. Barber said the Committee needs to answer this clearly as this topic is likely to come up on the City Council floor again, just like last year. In his opinion, and based on his vast experience dealing with landfills, Foth's rates are not unreasonable and it would be difficult to get the same level of service and expertise. Not only has Foth picked up additional duties as a result of RTC, they've always been under budget.

Mr. Van Winkle stated the Committee has been very blessed to have Foth (formerly Daily & Associates) due to their responsiveness and experience, almost like an extension of staff. He noted, too, the City used to provide staff support (Bill Miller, under Mr. Van Winkle's supervision), but that type of support hasn't been in existence for years. Foth is filling that void of what staff isn't or can't be. Other Committee members noted Foth has ensured there haven't been any major IEPA violations – not to mention Foth has a good working relationship with IEPA as well. Mr. Sloan made numerous trips to Chicago for RTC depositions and provided detailed documentation as an "expert witness" but didn't charge the going rate as such (typically double or more), just his regular rate. Last, but not least, the trust relationship between Foth and the Committee is an invaluable asset.

Mr. Spain explained while he's very appreciative of Foth's work, the City Manager has asked staff City-wide to work with contracted vendors, offering extensions if cost savings could be realized. Foth is no exception. It was determined Foth will provide a detailed report explaining the cost differences between the 2011 budget amounts and the proposed 2012 budget amounts for Mr. Barber to include in his Communication to City Council.

Mr. Riggenbach questioned the process involved for an RFQ. Mr. Barber explained that for professional services a quality-based selection process is used, not a low-bid selection. Once a vendor is selected, then cost negotiations begin.

Mr. Akers moved to approve Foth's report, to secure Mr. Barber's signature on permits if/as needed before the next regular meeting and to approve the 2012 Service Agreement; seconded by Mr. Van Winkle.

Approved by viva voce vote

Foth's 2012 Service Agreement will now go before City Council and the County Board.

ITEM NO. 2 DAM PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Sloan reported Mr. Erni provided information on erosion control products for consideration. Foth staff currently has these products under technical review. He hopes to have a recommendation in the next week or two to present to IEPA in an effort to facilitate construction in 2012. He feels he may be able to get the costs down to $800,000 then will need to work with Waste Management. He will report his findings at the January meeting. Mr. Barber asked if it'd be feasible to delay construction until 2013; Mr. Sloan replied it could be, if need be, but it would be most cost-effective to construct in 2012 due to PDC's anticipated construction for Landfill No. 3.

Mr. Spain stated it's difficult to enter into budget discussions with City Council regarding host fee increases without knowing the Committee's responsibility for dam repair expenses. He also noted it's important to achieve the *correct* host fee, not just for budget purposes.

Mr. Spain moved to receive and file; seconded by Ms. Scott-Pearson.

Approved by viva voce vote

ITEM NO. 3 LANDFILL BUDGET DISCUSSION

A. Discussion and Approval of proposed budget-balancing scenarios

Mr. Barber distributed a corrected copy of the 3rd Quarter report and stated revenue is already down $35,000 due to the decrease in volume. This shows as a significant decrease on the budget projection which includes anticipated growth. The Committee needs to act on this relatively soon in order to get this in motion for 2012 and agrees a dollar range is a good approach. The Committee was initially able to avoid expenses with RTC but is now playing "catch up."

The sooner re-negotiation for the Host Fee could occur, the better because this would need to be approved by City Council and County Board. Mr. Bergsten estimates April 2012 would be the earliest, assuming there aren't any snags along the way at City Council or County Board meetings. Mr. Spain isn't comfortable with negotiating with Waste Management while still working through the dam issue.

Mr. Giebelhausen suggested presenting to the City Council and County Board first to see whether or not they're willing to allow a Host Fee increase. Discussion was had regarding this approach but ultimately determined the extra step wouldn't be worth it – [City Council or County Board] members could get hung up on the dam repair issue plus getting the respective members up to speed with the issues would be difficult as well. Mr. Barber has spoken with Mr. Sorrell, so there won't be any surprises. Ms. Scott-Pearson added that Mr. Sorrell, in turn, addressed all County Committees to alert them of this financial situation as well.

It was suggested that staff provide background information and current status for the City's weekly "Issues Update" report and the "County Administrator's Weekly Report." Mr. Barber willl work with Ms. Raithel and Mr. Giebelhausen to write an article for both publications.

Mr. Bergsten noted again that getting approval [from City Council and County Board] for a specific dollar range would allow the Committee some flexibility during negotiations for the foreseeable future and prevent the possibility of having to re-negotiate in a relatively short time in the future or to go before either entity totally broke. Mr. Riggenbach feels it's the responsibility of the Landfill Committee to negotiate and not make this whole process more complicated than necessary.

Mr. Van Winkle felt it would advantageous to approach with resolution to the dam repair issue to use leverage rather than end-to-end. Mr. Spain reiterated the need to know Waste Management's position before going to City Council and County Board.

Mr. Spain moved to direct staff to negotiate with Waste Management for the Host Fee allowing a $1.00 to $2.00 range, bringing results back to the January meeting; seconded by Ms. Scott-Pearson.

Approved by viva voce vote

Mr. Wiersema commented that a resolution on the dam repair issue is critical to help move everyone forward. The Host Fee isn't just a pass-through fee. He acknowledged Waste Management is willing to talk but the lingering dam issue has become stagnant. Mr. Spain thanked Mr. Wiersema for his meaningful comments.

Mr. Erni also stated he's working with Foth staff and willing to do whatever's necessary to help with cost savings.