REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION OF IOWA COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission of Iowa County was called to order at 7:08p.m. Dec. 13, 2023 at the Iowa County Annex Bldg., Marengo Iowa by John Gahring.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gahring, Alan Schumacher, Dale Faas, Gary Boland, Ethan Morford, Earle Hall, Jim Reinhart and Tyler Marshall.

MEMBERS ABSENT WERE: Keith Stanerson, Brian Ward, Adam Rabe and Jamie Abernathy,

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Diane Yoder, Interim Director; Alicia Presto, ECICOG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Marshall to approve agenda as presented, Reinhart seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Sept. 28 & Nov. 3 special meetings were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Marshall to approve minutes, Boland seconded, motion carried.

CONCERNED CITIZENS: None present

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion by Marshall to accept treasurers report as presented, Faas seconded, motion carried.

REVIEW CURRENT RATES: Motion by Marshall to increase garbage tipping fee rate from $60/ton to $70/ton starting July 1, 2024, Boland seconded, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE 2024-2025 BUDGET: Motion by Marshall to approve 2024-2025 budget with pending new tonnage rates of $70/ton, Boland seconded, motion carried.

LOAN DOCUMENTATION: Motion by Boland to approve John Gahring, Chairman and Adam Rabe, Secretary to approve & sign bank loan documentation, Faas seconded, motion carried.

ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION: Motion by Marshall to approve increasing per capita fee by $7.00 to $29.00 beginning July 1, 2024, Boland seconded, motion carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

DNR LANDFILL PERMIT: Issued Feb. 7, 2017 Expires Feb.7, 2027.

HLW ENGINEERING-TODD WHIPPLE:
UPDATES: A report was provided by HLW with recent updates.
Area B-1 Construction: JB Holland has ceased work for the winter. Seeding sub-contractor has equipment on site and has installed silt fence along the east side of the excavated B01 cell and will see the stockpile want when conditions allow.
Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR): AWQR is due to the IDNR by Jan. 31, 2024.
Financial Assurance: Estimates of Closure/Post Closure costs and the associated Financial Assurance Documentation will be completed and presented to the REIC upon completion of the audit by Faller, Kincheloe & Co, PLC. It is anticipated estimates will be completed prior to the planned March 2024 REIC meeting.

ECICOG-ALICIA PRESTO:
UPDATES: EMS textile recycling grant continues as normal until June 30, 2024. Environmental programs for 2024 are being planned.

28E AGREEMENT REVIEW & APPROVE: Motion by Boland to approve updated 28E agreement as presented to be sent to member cities and the county for approval, Reinhart seconded, motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Personnel committee, Gary Boland, Ethan Morford, Dale Faas, presented information regarding the need to hire a director. Motion by Reinhart for the Personnel Committee to write a job description for a director position to be presented for review and possible approval at the January meeting, Hall seconded, motion carried.

INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT:
DNR INSPECTIONS: Two recent DNR inspection reports were presented for review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

ADJOURMENT: Motion by Reinhart to adjourn at 8:45p.m., seconded by Hall, motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- JAN 10, MAR 13, JUNE 12, SEPT 11, DEC 11

Alicia Presto, Diane Yoder
RECORDING SECRETARY

***Minutes are unofficial until approved at next board meeting.**