

# REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION OF IOWA COUNTY

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission of Iowa County was called to order at 7:00 p.m. June 12, 2024 at the Iowa County Annex Bldg., Marengo Iowa by John Gahring.

**Members Present:** John Gahring, Alan Schumacher, Dale Faas, Gary Boland, Ethan Morford, Garrett Dozark, Adam Rabe, Earle Hall, Jim Reinhart and Tyler Marshall.

**Members Absent:** Brian Ward, Jamie Abernathy

**Also Present:** David Randall, Director; Diane Yoder, Todd Whipple, HLW Engineering; Alicia Presto, ECICOG

### **Agenda:**

Approve motion Schumacher, second Reinhart, motion approved : unanimous

### **Secretary's Report / Minutes:**

Approve motion Dozark, second Faas, motion approved: unanimous

### **Treasurers report:**

- Total income is over current budget @ \$575,000
- Paid all the new cell payments out of funds on hand - no debt incurred yet
- CD came due Monday at County Bank designated for future cell (\$52,000). Should this go to the new cell? Can roll over to 13 month at 4.85, was at 3.3%. Consensus is to take money out, add to public funds account and apply to the next expansion pay estimate.
- Have paid \$718,251 out of \$1.4 million to date to expansion contractor (JB Holland).
  - Approve Treasurers Report motion Marshall, second Reinhart, motion approved: unanimous.

### **Increase in Minimum Tonnage Rate:**

- Minimum tonnage fee to \$15.00 per March meeting discussion. Effective July 1.
  - Approve motion Rabe, second Schumacher, motion approved: unanimous

### **Investment Policy Update:**

- Based on City of Marengo policy.
- Dozark indicated that the policy appears to be standard practices
  - Approve motion Reinhart, second Boland, motion approved: unanimous

### **Financial Resolution:**

- Designates banks that are official depositories of REIC.
- Usually gets approved January, but got overlooked
  - Resolution motion Reinhart, second Faas

- Aye: unanimous Nay: none

#### **Trust Agreement:**

- Need to update Trust Agreement to reflect preferred bank, currently Victor Savings.
- Victor Bank was purchased by an out of county bank (Chelsea Savings).
- Government Guarantee approach might impact guarantor's bonding capacity, so CD's are a more common approach, per Todd Whipple.
- Will look at getting a second trust agreement with an in-county bank so that funds can be moved without early withdrawal penalties.
- Trust agreement to be prepared by Ahlers and Cooney

#### **HLW Engineering, Todd Whipple Report:**

- Was on site June 6 for monitoring well sampling / routine monitoring. Went well.
- Samples results not back from the lab
- Two wells are dry, but levels had recovered from previous drought impacts
- Cell B construction continues in earnest week of June 24, next steps are geotextile installation. Materials are on site. Completion date August 31.
- All monitoring wells have to be installed prior to August 31, cannot get IDNR approval for use if those are not completed. RFQ's out to three geotech firms. Anticipate about \$3,000 price. Quotes will be given to Director. Executive board can approve.
  - Approve report motion Boland, second Reinhart, motion approved: unanimous

#### **ECICOG, Alicia Presto Report:**

- Alicia is here to assist with Solid Waste Planning Requirements, including an educational component.
- Summer reading program was discussed at March 2024 meeting. Typically utilizes Americorps people. However they are not available, so the reading program to be run by ECICOG representative. Five programs scheduled within REIC region for June and July.
- Final EMS related project (textile recycling) to end in June. Final closeout can be done after. Program was able to recycle 1,500 lbs of clothing, when original program goal was 500 lbs.
- Solid waste operator training CEU's have been taken care of for this period. Alicia to provide list of future topics to Director.
- 28e agreement is still on hold, need approval from Ladora. May have to move forward without them.
- Tire recycling contract up for review. Liberty Tire is the only vendor in the area that can handle the volume of tires generated. New contract has new pricing, but the terms are otherwise the same. The increase is roughly 3% - 3.5% depending on options selected.
  - Approve Liberty Tire Contract motion Schumacher, second Reinhart, motion approved: unanimous
- White goods contract up for review. ECICOG did an RFP process and only got one response - happens to be the current contracted provider. Rates are set relative to current scrap values. Three year contract. They have done a good job to date.
  - Approve Weikert contract motion Schumacher, second Morford, motion approved: unanimous
- Household Hazardous Waste contract is up for review. Three year contract with Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency. Pricing is increased, 2% - 7% generally.
  - Approve motion Reinhart, second Boland, motion approved: unanimous

## Director's Report

- Scale repair update: Scale had a hole, and cracks forming. Multiple scale companies contacted, not a lot of interest. One estimate was \$100,000 to replace, then \$56,000 to repair. Director did a patch on his own using concrete patch / overlay, and it has held up. Scale doesn't need outside repair at the current time.
- IDNR did a site visit on May 17. Takeaways were:
  - All loads were screened by employees,
  - Need to monitor C60 trench. How would water be handled if rain caused accumulation of water? Contacted a liquid hauler to make a contingency plan.
  - Steep areas had erosion that needs repaired
  - Pleased with windblown litter being under control
  - Overall in compliance, everything is good.
- C60 soil is currently stockpiled in landfill ahead of working face. Initial stormwater runoff ditch was not big enough. Ditch made bigger. New handling procedures involve covering all the C60 with intermediate fill dirt. Now that it is covered, runoff does not need special controls. C60 soil being used for daily cover. If we get to a point where we no longer use it for cover, REIC will need to pay tonnage tax for excess volume which had been stockpiled (based on an estimate of daily cover needs). To date landfill has taken in over \$740,000 of material based on agreed upon disposal rate, have been paid for \$568,000 to date by EcoSource / insurance provider.
- New haul road locations are being considered. Need to coordinate with tree removal, power lines, piping, etc. Consider moving open storage shed to allow for optimal route to be integrated into the new cell.
- Leachate pump line Friday before Memorial day, found two if not three leaks in the 3" leachate line. Not currently pumping. Hired Benton County to haul leachate to lagoon for \$1,000/day. Will likely have to do another day of hauling. Would likely have to shut the landfill down to replace. Quotes for HDPE fusible pipe to replace. Got three quotes for boring installation of the pipe. Kinzenbaw was best price to bore the pipe. Boring will allow installation without shutting down the landfill. Total cost to repair 1,000 ft should be about \$19,000. Quote last year was \$85,000 for entire run. There is a leachate line item in the budget.
- There has been discussion about updating the REIC logo. Consensus was on the "pyramid" style logo.
- Employees Personal Protective Equipment requirements to be updated. Policy should be thorough, but flexible. Requirements have been discussed with the Insurance provider. Employee handbook to be updated with new policy.
- Special Waste rate determination procedures were discussed. Up to 3,000 to 7,000 tons of contaminated soils potentially coming from the CRANDIC railroad bridge. Difficulties with volume of soils getting into the site, hours of operation, congestion at the scale, and up the haul roads. Director suggested \$80/ton if clean material (suitable for use as daily cover) and \$100/ton if it contained rubble. Concern is not being able to handle the soil until the new cell is up and running. Also concern about charging lower rates for out of county sources. Consensus was to not give discounts for out of county.
  - Motion for approving CRANDIC project rates Marshall, second Schumacher, motion approved: unanimous
- Non standard waste rates need to be set higher than normal trash due to extra paperwork and handling. Formal rate adjustment to be acted on in September meeting. Until then, Director to work with the Board on a case by case basis.

- Saturday landfill hours are marginal for profit and loss. Director requested consideration for reducing number of Saturdays for landfill to be open. Could potentially save \$10,000/year. However, reducing services after a significant rate increase would not be popular. Consensus is to not make changes at this time.
- Used trucks and mower approved for sale.
  - Approve motion to sell equipment Marshall, second Schumacher, motion approved: unanimous
- Loader attachments (bucket, pallet forks) for tractor to increase versatility without purchasing dedicated unit such as skid steer.
  - Approve motion for tractor attachment purchase Schumacher, second Faas, motion approved: unanimous
- Current cage pickup method of tire disposal is difficult to manage and is a potential worker safety issue. Director proposal is to utilize the concrete pad to stockpile tires and do bulk trailer loads a few times a year.
  - Approve tire handling change motion Schumacher, second Boland, motion approved: unanimous
- Landfill has to close on some very windy days due to the issue of blowing trash. Director proposes to fabricate seven litter control panels during winter down time. Costs associated are \$14,000. Retail price is about \$10,000 each if purchased. Issue needs further discussion, to be tabled until September.

#### **Chairman's Report**

- ABC loads from Williamsburg were discussed. City of Williamsburg does not want to change haulers. The 28e agreement states that all waste must go to the Iowa County Landfill. Dozark to talk to the Williamsburg City Manager to try to get to the root of the contractual issue so that the solution can be resolved.
- Wasserbahn demolition waste stream status is still unknown.

#### **Schedule**

Next meeting September 11, 2024 at the landfill.

**Motion to adjourn Rabe, second Boland, motion approved: unanimous**

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