

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION OF IOWA COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2024 - 6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission of Iowa County was called to order at 6:02 p.m. September 11th, 2024 at the Iowa County Landfill, Homestead, Iowa by Chairman John Gahring.

Members Present: John Gahring, Alan Schumacher, Dale Faas, Gary Boland, Adam Rabe, Ethan Morford, and Garret Dozark.

Members Absent: Brian Ward, Earle Hall, Jim Reinhart, Jamie Abernathy and Tyler Marshall

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

Agenda: Motion by Schumacher, 2nd by Faas. All ayes, motion approved.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: Minutes of the March 13th regular meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Schumacher to approve, 2nd by Boland. All ayes, motion approved.

Concerned Citizens: None present.

Treasurers Report: Balance sheet, P&L, and budget worksheets were distributed and reviewed. The CD Closure/Post Closure CD that matured in July was moved from Chelsea Savings Bank to Grinnell State Bank in Marengo. Motion by Boland to approve, 2nd by Faas. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial Resolution: An updated financial resolution was presented to include Hills Bank and Midwest One Bank. It also included the addition of Office Manager to line 4 so Diane could transfer funds between accounts as requested by Keystone Bank. Motion by Faas to approve, 2nd by Boland. Roll Call Vote: Gahring, aye; Schumacher, aye; Faas, aye; Boland, aye; Rabe, aye; Morford, aye; Dozark, aye. Resolution passed.

HLW Engineering: Todd Whipple gave update on new cell. Anticipated completion 9/13/24 and then will need DNR to give final approval.

ECICOG: Presto provided a written and verbal report.

Directors Report: Director Randall gave members a tour of the landfill. Shirts for staff with the new landfill logo have been ordered and received. Randall provided a written and verbal report on current activities. Leachate force main repair was completed. JB Holland was allowed one week of extra time on new cell in exchange for additional work on the turnaround area for new cell. Leachate well 105 was repaired. Once new cell is completed, Republic Recycling is planning

on bringing approximately 200 tons a month of recycling waste at the out of county rate of \$105/ton. This waste will assist in covering the bottom 4 feet of the new cell which has to be completed by end of 2025.

Pickup Purchase: Motion by Schumacher, 2nd by Rabe to authorize Director Randall to spend up to \$50,000.00 to purchase a pickup for REIC. Ayes – Gahring, Schumacher, Boland, Morford, Dozark, and Rabe. Nays – Faas. Motion Carried.

Safety Policy: Randall recommended approving the PPE policy that Iowa County uses. Motion by Dozark to approve, 2nd by Schumacher. All Ayes, motion carried.

Special Waste Rates: Special waste rates were discussed. Randall presented a recommendation. Faas moved to approve Special Waste Rates of \$95/ton, 1 ton minimum for in county; \$190/ton, 1 ton minimum for out of county; with effective date of 10/11/24. Motion was 2nd by Morford. All ayes, motion carried.

Contaminated Soil Rates: Contaminated soil rates were discussed. Randall presented a recommendation. Schumacher moved to approve Contaminated Soil Rates of \$95/ton, 1 ton minimum for in county; \$190/ton, 1 ton minimum for out of county; with effective date of 10/11/24. Motion was 2nd by Dozark. All ayes, motion carried.

Asbestos Rates: Asbestos rates were discussed. Randall presented a recommendation. Schumacher moved to approve Asbestos Rates of \$95/ton, 1 ton minimum for in county; \$190/ton, 1 ton minimum for out of county; with effective date of 10/11/24. Motion was 2nd by Dozark. All ayes, motion carried.

Appliance & Tire Policy: Randall advised that Iowa Code bans appliances and tires from being disposed in the landfill. They are currently finding these items in several loads a week. There is currently no penalty for customers. Board held extensive discussion on the effect this may have on commercial haulers. Randall requested that customers be charged double the normal rate for appliances and tires if they are found at the working face. Faas made the motion to approve with an effective date of 1/1/2025, Schumacher 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Mattresses: Randall discussed handling process for mattresses. They cause some extra work because they don't compact and take up a lot of space. Board discussed. Faas made motion to not charge separately for mattresses and only charge for weight like regular waste, Rabe 2nd the motion. Ayes – Gahring, Schumacher, Boland, Morford, Faas, and Rabe. Nays – Dozark. Motion Carried.

Chairman's Report:

Contacted by EcoSource about shingles at C6-Zero but have not heard any follow-up. Linn County Landfill is interested in discussing the possibility of REIC accepting waste from Linn County. Board Discussed, no action was taken. Discussed ABC Disposal not bringing all waste from the City of Williamsburg to the Iowa County Landfill as required by our 28E agreement. Approximately the same amount of waste is coming from Williamsburg as Marengo, and Williamsburg has 400 more households. Dozark was going to research.

Board Meeting Date & Time: Discussed meeting date and time. Motion made by Rabe to amend the bylaws with the meeting date to be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. This will require a 2nd vote on the bylaws at our December meeting. Dozark 2nd the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Schedule

Next meeting December 11th, 2024

Adjournment

Motion by Faas to adjourn, 2nd by Dozark. All ayes, motion carried.

Adam Rabe, Treasurer
RECORDING SECRETARY

Minutes are unofficial until approved at next board meeting.