

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION OF IOWA COUNTY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

A special meeting of the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission of Iowa County was called to order at 7:04 p.m. September 28, 2023 at the Iowa County Annex Building, Marengo, Iowa by John Gahring

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gahring, Keith Stanerson, Alan Schumacher, Dale Faas, Gary Boland, Ethan Morford, Adam Rabe, Earle Hall, and Tyler Marshall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy VonAhsen, Brian Ward, Jim Reinhart, and Jared Dhondt.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Doug Luzbetak, HLW Engineering; Alicia Presto, ECICOG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Alan Schumacher to approve agenda as presented, Tyler Marshall seconded, motion carried. All ayes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the September 13, 2023 regular meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Dale Faas to approve minutes, Tyler Marshall seconded, motion carried. All ayes.

CONCERNED CITIZENS: None

DNR LANDFILL PERMIT: ISSUED FEB 7, 2017 EXPIRES FEB 7, 2027 *renewed 1/18/22*

HLW ENGINEERING: Doug Luzbetak reported that the contractor for the new cell has started mobilizing and getting the pad ready. He expects most of the dirt to be moved by Thanksgiving.

Doug also reported that our current landfill has a lifespan of 138 years. Cell B-1 has an expected lifespan of 4 years and cell B-2 has an expected lifespan of 8 years.

ECICOG: Alicia Presto presented the updated 28E Agreement that was reviewed/edited by the 28E Committee (Schumacher, Rabe, Marshall). No action could be taken because the current 28E requires changes to be made at a regular meeting. This will be on the agenda for the December Regular Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Gahring presented two financing options, one from Farmers Trust & Savings Bank, and one from Chelsea Savings Bank. Gahring reported that the contaminated soil from C6Zero is estimated to bring in approximately \$600,000.00 so we did not need to act on the cell financing. He reported that ECO Source is taking responsibility for removing the soil and they are using a reputable hazardous waste trucking company out of the Des Moines area. ECO Source is supposed to start the soil removal process on 10/2/2023.

Gahring reported that he would be sending letters to Ladora and Parnell since they have not attended 3 consecutive meetings and they need to have an active membership in the commission.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES & CONFLICT OF INTEREST: This was discussed as members may have occupations/interests in businesses that could potentially do business with or compete for business with the commission. It was also discussed that it would not be appropriate to have waste haulers on the commission. Members with potential conflicts of interest would need to abstain from voting if there was a conflict on a particular issue. No formal action was taken.

OTHER: Schumacher reported that he did some research on transferring waste to Millennium Waste in Milan, IL. The cost was \$21.75/ton. Local haulers would charge \$30.00/ton to transport it, for a total of \$51.75/ton. They currently have a 105 year lifespan. Republic and Waste Management also have sites in Illinois, but he did not get costs from them.

Schumacher also reported that Whirlpool's waste reduction program has cost the landfill approximately 600 tons per year or \$33,000.00 annually.

ADJOURMENT: Motion by Alan Schumacher to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Dale Faas, motion carried. All ayes.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

December 13th, 2023 at 7pm at Iowa County Annex Building, Marengo, Iowa

Adam Rabe

RECORDING SECRETARY

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