

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION OF IOWA COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission of Iowa County was called to order at 7.03 p.m. Dec. 14, 2022 at the Iowa County Annex Bldg., Marengo Iowa by Chairman John Gahring.

These Members were present: John Gahring, Keith Stanerson, Dale Faas, Gary Boland, Ethan Morford, Randy Von Ahsen, Adam Rabe, Jim Reinhart.

MEMBERS ABSENT WERE: Dan Ray, Brian Ward, Earle Hall, Jared Dhondt and Tyler Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Diane Yoder, Interim Director; Doug Luzbetak, HLW Engineering; Damon McCausland, with Vestas Co.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Sept. 1 By-Laws review meeting, Sept. 7 regular meeting and the Sept. 23 Exec. Board meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Rabe to approve minutes, Reinhart seconded, motion carried.

CONCERNED CITIZENS: None present.

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

REVIEW & APPROVE 2023-2024 BUDGET: Motion by Boland to approve 2023-2024 budget which includes increasing Per Capita Fee from \$20.00 to \$22.00, Tipping Tonnage Fee from \$55.00 to \$60.00 both starting July 1st 2023 and Minimum Tipping Fee (400lbs and under) from \$10.00 to \$12.00 starting January 1st 2023, Stanerson seconded, motion carried.

ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION: Motion by Reinhart to approve increasing per capita fee \$2.00 to \$22.00 beginning July 1st 2023, Boland seconded, motion carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

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

HLW ENGINEERING-DOUG LUZBETAK: Discussed with the board engineering work done so far and design for the new cell. This new cell is projected to start accepting material in 2024. Estimated cost is \$1.6 million.

AREA B-1 EXPANSION: Motion by Faas to approve HLW Engineering contract agreement for Phase B-1 Expansion, Reinhart seconded, motion carried.

ECICOG-ALICIA PRESTO: Reported on EMS Core team meeting prior to regular meeting and updated board on approved EMS Textile Program Grant.

WEIKERT IRON & METAL RECYCLING COST INCREASE: Motion by Reinhart to approve Weikert's increase of \$2.00 per appliance from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per unit effective Jan. 1, 2023 and also increasing landfill fee \$2.00 per unit, Faas seconded, motion carried.

INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT: DNR's Nov. 8th inspection report was presented.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

HEALTH INSURANCE: Options were discussed if an employee chooses to not take the offered REIC health insurance and would like to go on their spouses' plan. Motion by Rabe to pay employees health insurance up to no more than what their current single policy expense is now, seconded by Faas, motion carried.

WINDMILL PRESENTATION: Damon McCausland with Vestas Co. informed the board on their windmill blades recycling program.

JUNTEENTH: It was decided to review all current REIC holidays at the January meeting before approving Junteenth as a holiday.

WASSERBAHN: Gahring discussed demo disposal options of the Wasserbahn motel complex.

ADJOURMENT: Motion by Stanerson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Reinhart, motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

JAN 11, MAR 8, JUN 14, SEP 13, DEC 13

Randy Von Ahsen
RECORDING SECRETARY

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