



Minutes

City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board
Downtown Library Meeting Rooms A&B, 200 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux
Falls, SD Monday October 16, 2023, 5:30pm

Roll call and determination of quorum

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 by Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Joshua Peterson, Environmental Services
Manager City of Sioux Falls
Barbara Hamer, Citizen Representative
Tim Edman, Citizen Representative
Don Kuper, SFRSL Superintendent
Holly Meier, City of Sioux Sustainability
Coordinator
Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning
Jarrod Otta, Business Representative
Doug Geiken Multi – Housing Representative

Members Absent:

Mark Kaufman, Turner County
Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Representative
Mandi Anderson, Lake County Representative
Shannon Dwire, Recycling Industry
Representative
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative
Ruby Zuraff, Hauling Industry Representative

Others present:

Luke Rodig, Burns and McDonnell; Todd Sandman, Sandman Sanitary Services; Dan and Cindy Neuroth, D & C Solid Waste Services; Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling; Paul Bengford, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office; Garrett Williams, HDR; Katie Kinley, HDR; Emily Altrichter, HDR; Arlene Brandt Jenson, Citizen; Jourdyn Brown, City of Sioux Falls; Jessie Koob, Garbage N More; Judd Sopoci, Garbage N More; Nick Sweeney, Sweeny Sanitation; Tim Sweeney, Sweeny Sanitation; Dawn Elsinger, City of Sioux Falls Public Works

Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Scott Anderson and seconded by Joshua Peterson to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of minutes of last meeting

A motion was made by Joshua Peterson and seconded by Barb Hamer to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for Quarter 3.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

Introduction

Unfinished Business

NA

Reports

1. Landfill – Don Kuper
 - See Attachment for the Landfill Report
2. Environmental – Holly Meier
 - See Attachment for the Environmental Report
3. Recycling Industry – Shannon Dwire
 - No Report
4. Solid Waste Industry – Ruby Zuraff
 - No Report
5. Citizen Representative – Tim Edman
 - No Report
6. Counties – Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner Representatives
 - No Report
 - Minnehaha County
 - Scott Anderson 12 hauler licenses went out today in the mail. They are due back by November 30th.
 - The County is still dealing with Mueller Pallets. The latest location is just west of the landfill. There is a lot of neighborhood opposition. There will be a hearing held Tuesday morning on the new location.

Board Member Items

1. Introduction of new Board Member (Informational Only – Holly Meier)
 - Three new Board Members were introduced. Ruby Zuraff (not present) is the new Solid Waste Representative; Doug Geiken, Multi Housing Representative; and Jarrod Otta, Business Representative
2. Presentation on Waste Characterization Study (Information Only – HDR Staff)
 - HDR Staff presented a slide presentation to show the results of the Waste Characterization Study and answered some questions.

3. Update on Recycling Task Force and presentation of Final Report (Presentation – Tim Edman; Action Item – Josh Peterson)

- Tim presented the report.
- Joshua Peterson made a motion to approve the Task Force Report and thank the members for their time and second by Tim Edman.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Hamer, Edman, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, 7. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

Public Input

- There were some questions about rules of an Open Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Joshua Peterson and seconded by Don Kuper to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed.**

SWPB

Landfill Update 4th quarter 2023

October 16, 2023

MSW tonnage

- 159,200 (1.3% decrease from Q3 2022)

C&D tonnage

- 79,400 (14.7% decrease from Q2 2022)

2023 Projects

- The scale house and public drop off project is going well and on schedule.
- Leachate and LFG project is getting started. Mobilizing equipment this week.
- South Soth renovation project started last week.

Landfill Rate Increases.

Quarter 4 2023 Environmental Report

- **RECYCLING RATE AND REPORTS**

- September and Q3 recycling reports will be going to haulers this week
- 2023 recycling rate through Q3: 18.9%
- Comparison to 2023 goal: 18.7%
- Comparison to previous years at this time:
 - 2022 Q3 rate: 18.3% (Year end: 18.7%)
 - 2021 Q3 rate: 20.1% (Year end: 20.5%)

- **OUTREACH WITH MULTI-HOUSING / COMMERCIAL**

- 14 meetings and onsite visits held with multi-housing and commercial properties in recent weeks
- As we meet we are offering educational resources and technical assistance to support recycling at facilities, and following up to provide resources in real time
- Hearing various perspectives, including opportunities and challenges for recycling at multi-family housing and commercial properties
- Will continue meeting with multi-housing and commercial properties through next few weeks
- Oct. 18 – City recycling booth at SD Multi-Housing Association State Convention to outreach directly to property owners and managers
- Oct. 18 - City providing recycling messaging and information to South Dakota Multi-Housing Association that they will include in their electronic materials sent to members: 1) weekly email newsletter, and 2) bimonthly rental registry
- Recycling Toolkits – Starting to put together toolkits of educational resources for businesses and MFH (ideas include: laminated signage, No Plastic Bags stickers, single stream stickers, social posts, etc.)

- **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS / EDUCATION**

- Host recycling website with downloadable flyer and searchable waste directory tool. One of most frequently visited sites
- Offer landfill tours
- By end of October, recycling postcards sent to ~30,000 multi-housing residents
- By end of October, recycling letters sent to ~3,000 commercial/business properties
- Communications team is exploring recycling digital ads
- Social media – recycling posts for October and November on Municipal and Sustainability accounts
- Radio ads - October and November focused on recycling right and without bags
- Videos - Late October and November will promote three new recycling videos (what to recycle/no bags, how to recycle without bagging, holiday waste reduction and recycling)
- Nov. 7 - Informational Presentation to City Council

- **COLLABORATIONS WITH SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY**

- Sept. 12 – Solid waste industry meeting – 9 out of 16 haulers present and followed up with others. To discuss no-bags transition, communications, and resources.
- Industry reminder on additional claims and special waste exemptions
- Oct. 11 - Letter from City made available to haulers for them to distribute to challenging generators

- No Plastic Bags stickers being ordered. Haulers will place on customer carts. To arrive likely in November.
 - Oct. 18 – Haulers can pick up printed single-stream recycling guides and stickers they ordered. They will distribute these directly to customers.
 - Oct. 26 – Monthly Recycling Subcommittee meeting
 - Email out to haulers this week to distribute recycling tools and resources and inform of upcoming communications City is sending to MFH and business community
 - December – Plan to have another solid waste industry meeting to discuss impact of education efforts and feedback on no-bags transition
- **CITY INTERNAL EFFORTS**
 - By Nov. 1, all City facilities will be bagless recycling. This is after successful pilot and collaboration among Facilities, Environmental, and hauler.
 - 1:1 ratio of recycling to garbage receptacles
 - Updated signage
 - Recycling information sent out in employee newsletters
 - Working with Parks team on recycling at Parks and transition to no-bags recycling. Many challenges regarding contamination here.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**
 - Free for residents and has allowed over 21 million pounds of E-waste recycled & HHW diverted since opening in 2004.
 - Through Q3 of 2023:
 - 405,000 pounds of HHW diverted (reused, recycled, incinerated)
 - 600,000 pounds of e-waste recycled
 - 19,000,000 facility visits