



## **Minutes**

City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board  
City Center Room 110, 231 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:30pm

### **Roll call and determination of quorum**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:31 by Holly Meier, Sustainability Coordinator. A quorum was present.

#### Members Present:

Joshua Peterson, Environmental Services  
Manager City of Sioux Falls  
Kelly Jacobsma, Citizen Representative  
Deirdre Appel, 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  
Shannon Dwire, Recycling Industry  
Representative  
Jon Hanson, Lincoln County Representative  
Carrie Schiernbeck, Lake County  
Representative  
Daren Korkow, McCook County  
Representative  
Ruby Zuraff, Hauling Industry Representative

#### Members Absent:

Mick Miller, Turner County Representative  
Tim Edman, Citizen Representative

#### Others present:

Todd Sandman, Sandman Sanitary Services; Dan and Cindy Neuroth, D & C Solid Waste Services; Paul Bengford, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office; Amanda Engel, City of Sioux Falls Attorney's Office; Judd Sopoci, Garbage N More; Nick Sweeney, Sweeny Sanitation; Tim Sweeney, Sweeny Sanitation; Chris Baker, Waste Management; Laurie Cressman, Advanced Recycling; Troy Lambert, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; John Rombough, Lincoln County

### **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, Jacobsma, Appel, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, Dwire,

Hanson, Schiernbeck, Korkow, Zuraff, 12. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

### **Approval of minutes of last meeting**

A motion was made by Scott Anderson and seconded by Shannon Dwire to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting for Quarter 4.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Jacobsma, Appel, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, Dwire, Hanson, Schiernbeck, Korkow, Zuraff, 12. Noes, 0. Abstains, 0. **Motion passed.**

### **Introduction**

#### **Unfinished Business**

Update on Solid Waste Management Master Plan recommendations (Information Only – Don Kuper)

- Don Kuper provided an update of the SWMMP recommendations and actions taken.

#### **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
  - Shannon Dwire provided update on recycling tonnages, bag and waste percentages, and market trends.
4. Solid Waste Industry – Ruby Zuraff
  - No Report
5. Citizen Representative – Tim Edman
  - No Report
6. Counties – Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner Representatives
  - No Reports
  - Minnehaha County
    - Scott Anderson provided update on Mueller Pallets and paving road timeline.

#### **Board Member Items**

1. 2024 Board positions expiring and introduction of new Board members (Information Only – Holly Meier)
  - Introductions of new and current members.
  - One Citizen Representative position vacant.

2. Board meeting times (Information Only – Holly Meier)

- With new Board members, discussed current time of Board meeting and if there is an interest in shifting.

3. City staff updates (Information Only – City staff)

- Don Kuper and Josh Peterson provided updates on recycling cost/benefit analysis that is under review
- Holly Meier provided update of cost and results of recent recycling campaign.

4. 2024 priorities (Information Only – City staff)

- Holly Meier provided update on recycling education, outreach, and demonstration project priorities for the year. Strategic planning is ongoing and City will provide update to the Board when that is completed.
- Don Kuper provided update on food waste diversion feasibility study. Will work with a consultant on this project in coming months and will coordinate with SWPB as needed.
- Don Kuper and Josh Peterson provided an update on landfill planning and enforcement priorities. Budget process for 2025 is already underway. Currently exploring enforcement tools available for recycling and if additional tools are needed.

5. 2024 public education plans (Information Only – Holly Meier)

- Holly Meier provided brief update on public education plans, including recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

**New Business**

- No new business.

**Public Input**

- No public input.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Joshua Peterson and seconded by Shannon Dwire to adjourn the meeting.

Vote to approve: Yeses, Peterson, Jacobsma, Appel, Kuper, Anderson, Otta, Geiken, Dwire, Hanson, Schiernbeck, Korkow, Zuraff, 12. Noes, 0. **Motion passed.**

## Quarter 1 2024 Environmental Report

- **RECYCLING RATE AND REPORTS**
  - 2023 additional claims due in by 2/29. After that, City will finalize 2023 reporting and recycling rate, which will also determine goal and standard for 2024.
  - All haulers have met standard, so no violations in 2023.
  - 2023 recycling rate has increased from 2022 (NOT FINAL): 19.6%. Additional claims to be processed so may increase.
  - Per ordinance, licensed commercial haulers will be notified of the current year's recycling goal by March 31.
  - January reports will start going out next week
- **RECYCLING TASK FORCE UPDATE**
  - Report was approved by SWPB at Q4 meeting.
  - Report was distributed to City Council and administration. Was on Council information and included in their agenda and minutes.
  - Have not received feedback on it from Council and are currently using report to help develop strategic plan for recycling in 2024.
- **NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY**
  - Survey effort led by City Council
  - 472 responses out of 2800 surveys sent out.
  - Garbage collection 83% excellent or good
  - Recycling 67% excellent or good
  - Yard waste pick-up 64% excellent or good
  - All similar percentages to other comparable communities
  - Overall takeaway: garbage and recycling is important to the community
- **NEW HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY CONTRACT**
  - Veolia won the contract
  - 2-year agreement with three extensions possible
  - Continuing services as have had
  - Free for residents in five-county region and has allowed over 21 million pounds of E-waste recycled & HHW diverted since opening in 2004.
- **RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION EFFORTS**
  - Continuing to work on recycling and waste reduction since last meeting in October 16. Here are some of the activities we've done:
    - Informational presentation to City Council on Nov. 7 to discuss recycling, challenges and opportunities for improving
    - Meetings and onsite visits held with multi-housing and commercial properties
    - Offering educational resources and technical assistance to support recycling at facilities
    - City working with SD Multi-Housing Association
      - At State Convention in October to outreach directly to property owners and managers
      - Recycling messaging and information in their weekly email newsletter, and bimonthly rental registry
      - Recycling requirements included in required rental property training
    - City wrote recycling article that was in December Chamber of Commerce magazine – directed at businesses

- In November, sent ~3,000 letters on recycling to commercial/business properties
- In November, sent approximately ~30,000 recycling postcards to all multi-housing residents
- Host recycling website with downloadable flyer and searchable waste directory tool. One of most frequently visited sites
- Offer landfill tours
- Social media marketing campaign over November and December. More info shared on that later in agenda. Continuing social media monthly on recycling and waste reduction.
- Meetings and collaborations with solid waste and recycling industry
- Education materials provided to haulers – single stream stickers, single stream guides, No Plastic Bags stickers.
- Meetings with school district staff to increase recycling education with students
  - Partnering on summer program 2-week event
  - Promoting educational curriculum kits available
- Events
  - At Sioux Empire Home Show this weekend – will be promoting sustainable practices at home, including recycling and waste reduction
  - Magic of Recycling –
    - Annual event that City supports. Brings recycling education to elementary students in a fun way, using education and magic.
    - City has supported for over a decade.
    - 500-1000 elementary students take part in the event annually
    - April 9-11, 2024
- Finalizing strategic plan for 2024

## **SWPB**

### **Landfill Update 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024**

**Feb 20, 2024**

MSW tonnage

- Ended 2023 at 214,300 Ton (1% increase from end of 2022)

C&D tonnage

- Ended 2023 at 103,200 Ton (10% decrease from end of 2022)

The City of Sioux Falls website has been updated including the landfill page.

Our SDSWMA finalized the 2024 Spring solid waste workshop agenda.

- April 23-24 in Deadwood, SD
- To register and find more information about even may be found on the website at [sdswwa.org](http://sdswwa.org)
- Always looking for new members to join the association.

2024 Projects

- The scale house and public drop off project is going well and on schedule.
- The bid letting for our 2024 LFG Improvements project is next Thursday.
- Wall Lake drainage and C&D partial closure.