

Minutes 7/12/2023

The Executive Board of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency held a meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Landfill office.

Chairman Brommer called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were Arlyn Pedley, Brad Hindt, Steve Herman (alternate), Dennis Thielvoldt, Dennis Vanden Hull, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Muilenburg, Les Brommer, Randy Lyman, Scott Maggert and Ted Underberg. Absent were: Corey Altena, Dan Rolfes, Kristi Fliss and Leroy De Boer.

Motion was made by Hindt to approve the agenda as listed. Seconded by Pedley. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next item of business to come before the Executive Board was the adoption of a written resolution regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Jeff Phillips with SCS Engineering was present to share an update and the final documentation that will be submitted to Iowa DNR, due August 1st. Motion was made by Muilenburg, seconded by Underberg supporting Resolution #2023-2, approving the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency 2023 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update. Whereupon it was put to a roll call vote. Members voting in favor of Resolution #2023-2 were: Arlyn Pedley, Brad Hindt, Steve Herman, Dennis Thielvoldt, Dennis Vanden Hull, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Muilenburg, Les Brommer, Randy Lyman, Scott Maggert and Ted Underberg. Members voting against the Resolution were: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hindt to approve the Executive Board Minutes of 6/14/2023. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thielvoldt to approve the Recycling Bills received up to 7/12/2023. Seconded by Lyman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Muilenburg to approve the HHM Bills received up to 7/12/2023. Seconded by Maggert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Johnson to approve the Landfill Bills received up to 7/12/2023. Seconded by Hindt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Report: The Manager gave a brief update on the steps taken for dust control at the Landfill, and conveyed the upcoming costly repair of the excavator.

LeRoy & Sons were here to complete the work on Closer Area C. Matt Cory, the Engineer with SCS, inspected the project and approved releasing the final payment. Motion by Pedley, seconded by Hindt to approve paying the retainage fee of \$23,800 to LeRoy & Sons. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Manager provided an updated job description for the Landfill Director position. Discussion took place on separating the position and possibly using a hiring consulting firm in hopes of recruiting persons of similar backgrounds. Jeff Phillips from SCS Engineering offered assistance with the job description, application and list of questions during interviews. A committee was formed to tackle the process of advertising, interviewing and hiring soon to employ someone to work alongside Larry and learn the duties of the position, prior to his retirement. This committee consists of Brad Hindt, Les Brommer, Randy Lyman, Dennis Vanden Hull and Jerry Muilenburg. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Underberg to approve the Search & Hire Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brett Arnold from Vespene Energy in Wisconsin provided a presentation on renewable energy and the possibilities of methane mitigation to power self-sustaining microgrids and repurpose otherwise wasted energy from landfills. Discussion took place on risks, cost versus revenue-sharing, ownership and life of the equipment, and future requirements of this collection by the EPA anyway. This is a location of a potential project. No pipelines outside the Landfill's property are necessary for successful collection. Motion by Lyman to start phase one – complete due diligence and test the amount of our emissions. Seconded by Muilenburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hindt, seconded by Pedley to increase Tyler Simpa's previously approved raise. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Manager presented pictures of a damaged monitoring well that needs to be replaced. Motion by Vanden Hull, seconded by Thielvoldt to approve \$6500 for this project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnson, seconded by Maggert at 8:55 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Les Brommer, Chairman

Larry Oldenkamp, Secretary