

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
1/17/2024

The Executive Board of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:15 pm at the Eagles Club in Sheldon, Iowa.

Chairman Brommer called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Arlyn Pedley, Brad Hindt, Cory Altena, Dan Rolfes, Dennis Thielvoldt, Dennis Vanden Hull, Jerry Johnson, Les Brommer, Scott Maggert and Ted Underberg. Absent: Jerry Muilenburg, Kristi Fliss, Leroy DeBoer and Randy Lyman.

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

Motion by Vanden Hull to approve the Executive Board Minutes from 12/13/2023. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Thielvoldt to approve the payment of Recycling Bills received up to 1/17/2024. Seconded by Vanden Hull. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pedley, seconded by Hindt to approve the payment of HHM Bills received up to 1/17/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hindt to approve the payment of Landfill Bills received up to 1/17/2024. Seconded by Underberg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Report:

On December 18th Manager, Larry Oldenkamp, and Chairman Brommer met at the landfill office with the owners of Van's Sanitation & Recycling from Le Mars, Iowa – the organization that removes recycling materials from the Agency. Based on the agreement from May 11, 2017 and the recycling industry's limited value on recycled materials and transportation costs, Van's Sanitation has decided to raise the rates, incrementally, to aid in the Agency's budgetary constraints. The increase to the Agency will begin by \$15 per ton effective February 1st, 2024 reaching \$37 per ton total. As of July 1st, 2024 the rate will raise another \$13 per ton, for a total of \$50 per ton for recycled material. The Agency is at present paying \$22 per ton to Van's as well as charging for only commercial recycling at the same rate. Residential recycling is currently free. There are no other nearby entities providing this service. When the Agency fulfilled the recycling tasks on-site, up until 2017, the cost was already \$65 per ton to accomplish. Motion by Vanden Hull, seconded by Underberg to approve Van Sanitation & Recycling's increases and stay with them for recycling services. All ayes. Motion carried.

On January 10th the Hiring Committee met with Brent Hinson to review the nine applications and resumes for the Director position. They selected four for interviews on February 2nd at the Sheldon city office, followed by a tour of the landfill.

SCS is still working on the remaining reports listed at the last Executive Meeting. Monitoring well construction & abandonment documentation was submitted to DNR December 7th. Leachate pump installation was scheduled for January. Frigid temperatures are affecting that completion.

Old Business:

Jeff Phillips from SCS Engineers was present to request an increase in two budgeted line-items.

One: FY24's On-Call availability. The budget provided \$5000 for on-call needs and is currently over budget by \$362.70 due to reviewing the Vespene contract and inspecting erosion control issues with the contractor. Jeff suggests a \$3000 increase to cover anything that may come up. If not used, it does roll into next year. Motion by Vanden Hull, seconded by Maggert to approve the increase of \$3000 for FY24's On-Call budget, totaling \$8000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Two: FY22's Leachate Control System improvements – section 4e, which pertains to miscellaneous materials and is budgeted for \$1000. This project had partially been completed/billed by Evora. SCS agreed to take over the contract and honor the previously approved budget. They're working to finish the remaining tasks. Jeff's concern lies with the status of two pumps and determining if they're repairable or in need of replacement; the latter would cost \$3000 per pump. The Agency is currently over budget by \$481.70 while the airline tubing and two pumps are not yet covered. Jeff's requesting an increase of \$6500 to reach a total of \$7500 for section 4e in the event the pumps are not repairable. Motion by Maggert, seconded by Hindt to approve the increase of \$6500, totaling \$7500 for section 4e of FY22's Leachate Control System improvements. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 6:45 pm Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Hindt, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Les Brommer, Chairman

Larry Oldenkamp, Secretary/Director