

Minutes 4/10/2024

The Executive Board of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency held a meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Landfill office.

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

Motion was made by Brommer to approve the agenda as listed. Seconded by De Boer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Phillips from SCS Engineers was present and provided a summary update: The leachate pump installation that was originally scheduled for last fall is now planned for April. SCS will coordinate this schedule with Larry and Brent.

SCS was here on November 24, 2023 to do testing for the Airspace report. It was completed and sent on March 21, 2024.

The greenhouse gas (GHG) report was submitted in March 2024.

The agency is still anticipating a report or decision for the Vespene contract review, which was scheduled for January or February.

Jeff addressed the new finding of underfunded Closure/Post-Closure amounts that the DNR requires to either be cash or by credit. Local county guarantees assist the NWIASWA in meeting these financial requirements. An extension request of the financial assurance submittal date to September 30, 2024, was submitted April 1st.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Executive Board Minutes from 3/13/2024. Seconded by Thielvoldt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyman, seconded by Underberg to approve the Executive Board Minutes from 3/27/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Thielvoldt to approve the payment of Recycling Bills received up to 4/10/2024. Seconded by Maggert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brommer, seconded by DeBoer to approve the payment of HHM Bills received up to 4/10/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Muilenburg to approve the payment of Landfill Bills received up to 4/10/2024. Seconded by Lyman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Report:

New Landfill Manager, Brent Kach, provided an update that began with a meeting he had with new General Manager, Trevor, of Van's Sanitation & Recycling of Le Mars, Iowa. Trevor was able to

come and see the Recycling building, how full it was, review procedures and the need for additional loads of recycling to be removed from NWIASWA.

NWIASWA closed at noon on April 3rd due to strong winds. Brent contacted the litter crew to come April 5th for the gathering of wind-blown garbage again. Their services are well-worth the cost.

Issues with the new front gate persist. The electronic eye cannot be used as with any wind the large gate blows directly into that path. It's been disabled and the gate currently closes well with no assistance. All staff are hopeful this will be the last issue; however, the fire department's keyed gate switch must still be installed and work electrically.

Brent is in search of temporary help this summer while one office staff is on maternity leave.

The agency's current credit card is being phased out. Brent has successfully received a new agency card through Citizen's State Bank in Sheldon. It's seldom used but helpful when no other purchasing options are allowed: Brent has reserved a training spot and motel room for one heavy-equipment staff to attend the Landfill Operator training the fourth week of April.

Tradebe arrived earlier in the day to remove household hazardous materials collected since their last pick-up in February.

Brent prefers utilizing ATEC services out of Des Moines for the removal of bulbs and electronics versus other entities the agency has used. They're noticeably the cheaper option.

Four loads of tires have been removed since the last meeting.

Additional rock has been spread by the shop and will also be spread behind the recycling building, in hopes to preserve/rebuild that "road". In preparation for upcoming wet weather, a stockpile of rock is being place on top of the hill to maintain the regular path for trucks. Newly purchased heavy equipment is here and in operation. Brent's vision for the South slope of the landfill, facing the road, is an intermediate cover layer over the top - a vegetation layer that doesn't erode, and possibly seed it this fall, for the look of a grassy hill.

Old Business:

Brent was able to meet with Rural Water System # 1's staff last week and further discuss the possible purchase of soil. No new information or delivery route for soil has been determined yet. Jeff spoke on SCS's airspace report which determines a number of things, one of which is how much soil is still here on the landfill property. Rural Water's soil would be topical, allowed for daily cover. It's not worthy of cell construction (which has clay as a main ingredient). In approximately one year new cell construction will be necessary again as the latest cell is filling quicker than expected due to less compaction as well as an unanticipated additional increase in garbage being delivered. Since additional funding is now required for Closure/Post-Closer, the discussion about an unbudgeted purchase of soil from RWS#1 has been tabled.

New Business:

Wellmark provided renewal rates and an updated coverage plan starting July 1, 2024. After review, motion by Altena, seconded by Brommer to approve the health plan renewal packet provided. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next item of business to come before the Executive Board was the adoption of a written resolution regarding the Deposit of Public Funds for the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency. Motion by Johnson seconded by Maggert to approve Resolution # 2024-1, granting new Director, Brent Kach, permission to invest or deposit agency funds on behalf of Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency. Whereupon, Resolution 2024-1 was put to a roll call vote. Members voting in favor of Resolution 2024-1 were: Arlyn Pedley, Cory Altena, Dennis Thielvoldt, Dennis Vanden Hull, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Muilenburg, LeRoy De Boer, Les Brommer, Randy Lyman, Scott Maggert, and Ted Underberg. Members voting against the Resolution: none. Motion carried.

At 8:28 pm Lyman made a Motion, seconded by Underberg, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Arlyn Pedley, Chairman

Brent Kach, Secretary/Director