

Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency Meeting
April 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency met on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station. Members present were: DeWayne Walter- Fruitland, Adam Reinhart – West Liberty, Matt Bonebrake – Muscatine County, Patrick Baker – Stockton, and Laura Liegois – Solid Waste Manager.

Chairman Bonebrake called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2016 by Baker and seconded by Walter. The minutes of the January 18, 2016 were approved. There were no audience comments.

Solid Waste Manager's Report:

Landfill Operations Update: Liegois stated that an RFP was sent out to interested parties for the Muscatine County Landfill operations contract in February. There were 10 interested parties at the pre bid meeting and five bidders. The lowest responsible bid was Dick Doyle Excavating for \$25,000.00 a month, which received the contract for the next five years. Walter asked why the agency members have not been included in the recommendation for the contract. Liegois stated that the City of Muscatine has held the operating contract for the landfill since the late 1970's. The City did the operations inhouse and then went to contracting with a private company. Liegois stated that she would certainly make note about this situation for future proposals.

Liegois presented the financial report from July 2015 – April 2016. Tonnage amounts are where we expected them for the current fiscal year budget. The budget was amended from 35,000 tons to 38,000 tons this year. Walter asked if we see a reduction in waste from the City of Muscatine's automated collection program. Liegois commented that the program does encourage recycling and will have some reduction based upon the collection at the curb, if recycling is done correctly.

Liegois presented an update on the Groundwater Remediation Plan. A monitoring well has been placed on Winter's property last fall. We have had several sampling events and will have one more. We are still finding some issues from the older landfill area. The other sections that have issues are either a concern from methane or leachate. Monitoring is still in place. A Master Plan is being worked on with Barker Lemar Engineering. This will plan out our next two landfill cells. Liegois stated that she will have the agency members meet for a review with Barker Lemar Engineering prior to the submittal to DNR.

The Iowa DNR Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan was submitted to Iowa DNR. A few questions were sent back to the planning area, which none were related to Muscatine County. The Bi-State Waste Coalition should have an approval from Iowa DNR in the near future.

There were no communications from Agency members or constituents.

New Business:

The next agency meeting will be on July 28, 2016 at the Muscatine County Landfill at 6:00 pm.

Liegeois will send out a reminder for the meeting.

A motion was made by Walter to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. The motion passed with anonymous vote of yes.

Laura J. Liegeois

Solid Waste Manager