

# **Chisago County Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes June 13, 2019**

Members Attending: Rick Greene, Mike Robinson, Lisa Thibodeau, Kristy Dreckman, Dave Hoefler, Dale Bergfalk, Mark Nelson

- I. Lisa Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**
- II. Minutes from previous meeting on 12/13/18 were handed out.**
- III. Unfinished Business – none.**

#### **IV. New Business**

- a. ECSWC Director Janelle Troupe reported the commission is raising demo prices for non-contracted haulers from \$59.48 to \$100/ton. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTRACTED HAULERS. There is a problem with large bolts in the demo, hard on transfer trailers. Mattress prices will be increasing, cost for e-waste recycling will double as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The permit renewal is up for Cambridge, cannot change much or will be a major modification. Janelle is looking for ideas for a strategic plan for the additional land the commission is purchasing at the Cambridge Transfer Station. Janelle wants all Truck license plate numbers to be consistent for scale operation. Brief discussion on SWMT, part service/part sales tax.
- b. County Solid Waste Programming Update: County hiring Foth to do a review of all solid waste programming; programs have been operating the same for many years, review will audit current programs and suggest changes for the future. Report due end of summer, will cover at next SWAC meeting.  
Board also authorized hiring of TKDA to do a review & site plan for the HHW, as facility needs renovation to utilize existing space better, add cold storage and recycling yard in back. Will need to review revenue to fund project.
- c. Recycling – industry status: Lisa T. handed out a commodity pricing sheet shared by Hennepin Co. All commodities going down in price, more restrictions from China and other markets such as Malaysia. Trade war and Tariffs also causing prices to stay depressed. WM is installing new screens next week to better handle plastic film/bags and so will shut down for one week. MPCA passes along that they think market is near bottom, there have been some adjustments for the long term, OCC is down @ \$35/ton.
- d. Recycling – local media: Local TV stations are running recycling stories.
- e. Recycling – County education efforts: County newsletters have been running stories on recycling markets, generating the most calls ever; will become a regular feature to try and eliminate contamination. County would also like to partner with haulers on reducing contamination efforts with such things as “oops tags” for carts.

#### **V. Next Meeting**

Thursday December 12, 2019; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

#### **VI. Adjourn**