

Minutes
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee
January 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Members present were: Patti Martinson, Aaron Costello, and Blaise Emerson. Staff members present were: Jerry Wright, and Brenda Vespested. Others present: Mike Coleman and Jody Page from HDR Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Emerson moved, second by Costello to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Solid Waste Master Plan – Mike Coleman from HDR Inc. gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Master Plan. Coleman said that this will be presented at the Public Works Committee Meeting on February 9, 2010, and then at City Council on February 16, 2010. The Rapid City Solid Waste Management Plan was developed on the EPA Planning Hierarchy – source reduction, recycling, combustion, and landfilling. This Master Plan builds on the 1992 Plan, which has been fully executed. A summary of planning efforts for this Master Plan: additional FTE “Source Reduction Coordinator”, mandatory recycling service option, waste to energy, citizen campus, and financial implications. Coleman stated that this is just a plan and to make these things happen; we will need public input, council input, and ultimately ordinance revision. The citizen campus was discussed. Coleman said that with the debt service coming off the MRF, we are in a good financial position and they don’t recommend anything other than ordinary cost of living rate increases for the foreseeable future. Coleman indicated that things will need to be revisited as programs and regulations change. Coleman said that the site life for the landfill is 100 years right now. Additional land acquisition for a buffer zone was discussed. Coleman did not put in a cost for land acquisition because it is market variable and needs to be evaluated at that date. Emerson suggested that there be another slide added to the presentation before City Council that has the priorities listed for the recommendations in the Master Plan. Coleman said that he will be adding this page to the presentation. Emerson also suggested that there be verbiage added about the Source Reduction Coordinator being part-time right now and how much more can be done with a full-time position. There was discussion on adding more employees in the future with the addition of a citizen campus. There was discussion on the pay as you go program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, Costello moved, second by Martinson to adjourn the January 19, 2010, Recycling/Solid Waste Committee meeting at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.