: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS:
: FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA – SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
7/15/2025

Members Present: Chairman Stephen Morris, Vice-Chairman Rick Fox, Steve Van Winkle, Sharon Williams - 4

Non-Voting Members Present: Josh Gabehart (FOTH), Shaun Schoonover (City of Peoria), Jennie Boswell (Peoria County)

Members Absent: Rob Culp, Tim Riggenbach, Mike Vespa

Other Attendees: Sharese Kirchgessner (City of Peoria), David Bryant (GFL), Mark Willams (FOTH), Ian Johnson (WM), Kris Thompson (GFL), Joyce Blumenshine (HOI Sierra Club), Rebecca Cottrell (Peoria County), Mike Wiersema (WM), Janaki Nair (GFL)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

None

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Joyce Blumenshine provided documents and updates regarding IEPA responses to questions on hazardous waste handling and site closures. concerns about dust exposure and possible groundwater contamination from uncovered or uncapped hazardous waste boxes and noted the potential public health implications if such issues persist near the transfer station. She reminded the committee that permits for closure of certain areas had not yet been issued as of March. Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Blumenshine for her input, clarified that no immediate committee action was being requested, and confirmed that her materials would be entered into the meeting record. Ms. Blumenshine stated her group would continue direct follow-up with IEPA.

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE
May 14, 2025 MINUTES

The minutes of the May 14, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Van Winkle noted a correction to reflect that Tim Riggenbach is a voting member and should be moved accordingly in the attendance record. With that change, Van Winkle motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Williams; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 REPORT FROM FOTH INFRASTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENT, LLC

A. Monthly Update Request

Staff reported Financials were current through June 30, and he noted two operational shutdowns. Boring investigations at Landfill 3 targeted potential mine voids; preliminary results found no significant voids, though final boring logs and reports are still pending. The committee discussed that findings would be forwarded to IEPA to resume permitting.

Regarding the Ameresco solar project, the option agreement has been extended from two to three years to allow for utility interconnection delays with Ameren. The State's Attorney's Office recommended approval of the extended term, which would require action by both the County Board and City Council.

On the Landfill Entrance Dam and Wetland Rehabilitation Project, a 100% design review is scheduled for August 7. Adjustments to access phasing will allow contractors to use the old landfill entrance near the compost facility, improving safety and reducing public interaction with construction traffic.

With the contracts settled, lease agreements will be finalized within the next 1-2 weeks. Scale house, scales, and front shop are all being cleaned out by WM and expect the handover to the Committee will occur sometime this summer/early fall.

Fox motions for the committee to authorize FOTH to request the Committee Chairman signature to respond to any short-term submittal requirements that may arise prior to the next Landfill Committee meeting; seconded by Van Winkle; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

B. Signature Approval Request

The committee considered and approved three routine semi-annual reports: (1) the GPSD pretreatment report, (2) CAP forms covering gas readings, cover inspections, and flare logs, and (3) discharge reporting.

A motion for approval was made by Chairman Morris and carried unanimously.

Discussion for the acceptance of the Landfill 2 maintenance building noted that the facility provides operational benefits including heated space, secure storage, and restroom facilities. Ongoing costs will be limited to propane and electricity. It was confirmed that the building will be added to City/County insurance schedules as appropriate.

Fox motioned to approve; seconded by Member Williams; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

ITEM NO. 2 REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Schoonover presented the Public Works financial report through May 31. Revenues totaled $336,000, including a $300,000 check from GFL. Expenditures were $35,000, yielding net revenues of $301,000 for the month. Year-to-date revenues are $398,000 against expenditures of $204,000, leaving a positive fund balance of $252,000. Schoonover noted that host fees closely aligned with budgeted expectations.

ITEM NO. 3 REPORT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

A. Monthly Activity Report

Ian Johnson provided the Waste Management report. Landfill 2 ceased accepting waste on May 16. Closure activities are progressing with the installation of a one-foot clay low permeability layer and a geomembrane plastic liner. Seeding is anticipated in late September or early October. Johnson reported the successful removal of an underground diesel tank under fire marshal oversight, with no leaks detected. The citizen drop-off area, conveyor, and tanks have been decommissioned and backfilled with clean soil.

Johnson indicated closure documentation will be submitted to IEPA in the fourth quarter of 2025. Chairman Morris asked about illegal dumping since closure; Johnson acknowledged minor dumping incidents near the entrance initially, but noted signage has resolved the problem and no recent issues have been observed.

B. <u>Signature Approvals</u>
WM requesting authorization from the committee for the Committee Chairman signature to respond to any short-term submittal requirements that may arise prior to the next Landfill Committee meeting.

Fox motioned to approve; seconded by Member Williams; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

ITEM NO. 4 REPORT FROM GFL

A. <u>Monthly Activity Reports</u>
A representative of GFL reported that since Landfill 2's closure, 1,811 customers have used the Chillicothe and Hopedale facilities, disposing of approximately 154.75 tons of waste. Historically, Landfill 2 averaged 1,200–1,400 free-loads per month, so the new totals are slightly lower but consistent.

GFL confirmed that IEPA has issued clean closure for the Peoria transfer station waste removal project. Backfill and concrete construction will begin August 4. There was a delay of receiving the clean closure by 2-3 weeks, but GFL does not believe there will be an effect on the project. The committee also reviewed items required under the restated landfill agreement: a $250,000 perpetual care fund payment due mid-August, the donation of farmland pending title work, and confirmation from the County regarding the adequacy of the HCM facility siting. GFL also confirmed that camera equipment is in place at the scale house and requested coordination for key access to enable monitoring.

B. <u>Signature for Approvals</u>
GFL requesting authorization from the committee for the Committee Chairman signature to respond to any short-term submittal requirements that may arise prior to the next Landfill Committee meeting.

Member Williams motioned to approve; seconded by Van Winkle; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was determined there was no Unfinished Business to address.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined there was no New Business to address.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Van Winkle moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(6), to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; seconded by Fox; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 P.M.