: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS:
: FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA – SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
12/10/2025

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

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

Members Absent: Mike Vespa, Rob Culp, Tim Riggenbach

Other Attendees: Crystal Vargas (City of Peoria), David Bryant (GFL), Mark Willams (Foth), Ian Johnson (WM), Kris Thompson (GFL), Joyce Blumenshine (HOI Sierra Club), Janaki Nair (GFL), Scott Sorrel (Peoria County), Rebecca Cotrell (Peoria County), Tara Van Hoof (Foth), Tim Nay (Cambridge), Lisa Redmond (Cambridge), Jon Stegmaier

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

None

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None.

REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE 10/29/2025 MINUTES

The minutes of the October 29, 2025, regular meeting were presented for approval. Steve Van Winkle approved the minutes; seconded by Member Sharon Williams; approved with a unanimous verbal vote. All in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Foth shares that they are on track with the budget for the year 2025.

There have been 4 shutdowns, due to high winds, power outages, and the cold weather.

An annual gas sampling was conducted and will be reported in the first quarter of the new year.

There was a low intake taken out from the emissions of the wells. There have been some repairs and additions to some of the items getting prepped for winter. Those Well expenses, have been reflected in the budget.

GFL has extended their review for the permit activation, as the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed their Boring investigations. GFL has asked for that additional time in order to put the report together for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
The Solar Development Lease has been signed, and checks have been processed and received, and are now on course for Ameren and the Interconnect Agreement. Ameresco has estimated construction will begin in 2028. For the meantime, until the transfer station is ready to open, this project will be the key contributor to the revenue.

DNR is still moving forward with construction to the Entrance Road Dam in 2026, even though there has not been a bidding update yet.

The Gas Migration Investigation has been conducted on PCCL#2 and has shown that there is gas migration in the area as predicted. Foth is gathering data and working on corrective action against this issue.

The lease and license agreements have been signed pending the Farming Lease, as they are confirming details regarding ownership of that area.

Waste Management is finally finished up on their closure responsibilities. Foth and the City of Peoria, have gone out to the Landfill and completed a walkthrough of the scale house, maintenance facility, and all the relevant buildings that the City of Peoria will be inheriting. These locations will be placed into the city's asset management system, in order to keep track, of utilities and maintenance reparations.

They are currently working on the drafted budget, and are ready to add as another item, when the time comes.

B. SIGNATURE APPROVAL REQUEST

Foth has requested an approval for signatures of the two shutdowns. There is one signature for the corrective action measure due on January 15th and the semi-annual that is due on January 31st.

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

C. ENGINEERING SERVICES APPROVAL REQUEST

Foth is requesting approval for the Engineering Services approval. This is the work order for the 2026 timeframe. This outlines the reduced efforts from the PCCL#1 Care Items as well as the continued reductions.

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

ITEM NO. 2 REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

A. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Shaun Schoonover confirmed that the 2026 budget has been completed. He then raised a question about past budget inconsistencies. In 2024, a work order for Foth was submitted around June, but the 2024 budget – developed in late 2023 – included a lower amount compared to the work order. Schoonover asked whether, in situations where Foth's work order is completed after the budget is approved and the actual cost differs from the estimate, the difference should be treated as a budget amendment. This question stems from a discrepancy in 2025, of more than $100,000 that had not been accounted for in advance. The committee responded by stating they believe it is appropriate to do so, as the budget still ties to the city's overall financials. Jennie Cordis Boswell also stated that though the ramifications to the city aren't clear, it would still be a good idea to go through the committee for any amendments relating to the Solid Waste Committee's budget. Schoonover explains that since this was agreed upon at this time, moving forward there will be certain discrepancies to the 2025 financial reports compared to the budget, due to that $100,000 not being added.

For fiscal year 2025, the YTD revenue is $504,000, which is not significantly different from the prior month. Expenditure is $439,000, which is through 11 months, and we have one more month unaccounted for. The fund balance at the end of November is $123,000. There is no anticipation for any significant changes for December, aside from the $4,000 check from Ameresco.

B. <u>2026 BUDGET APPROVAL</u>

The 2026 revenue budget is predicted to be $136,00 for host fees, this is with the anticipated completion date of July 1, 2026. The lease revenue is $20,000 and interest revenue is $10,000.

The expenditures for the 2026 budget are predicted to be $368,500 which is mostly Foth expenditures. $37,500 is for the city personnel and audit performed for the landfill. $8,500 is for county personnel. And telephone and electricity are $8,000 and $5,000 for the building operations and maintenance on the building that the city is overtaking. There may be a possible boiler expense needed in the next few years.

With $166,000 in revenue and $368,500 in expenditure, the loss for the year is approximately $202,000 which will continue in 2027 and 2028. The loss will be less in the years 2027-28 due to the full year host fees that will be occurring. In 2029, solar revenues are predicted to begin with Ameresco which should help lessen the amount of loss.

Unfortunately, the budget is negative all the way through 2030, with no way of cutting any expenditures and no new forms of revenue. If there is a land sale in the future, that could possibly help with the shortfalls, but until something else arises, the budget will stay as such.

Chairman motioned to approve; member VanWinkle approved; seconded my member Fox.

City Manager, Patrick Urich, suggested that though it may not be a lot of money, speaking to the county about absorbing the cost for both city and county fees may help shorten the gap in losses, which would be $46,000 put towards the $202,000 in losses. There was communication about how in the past, the city and county had to do something similar.

There was more conversation about the budget not being up to standards, as there have been certain delays in revenue. Chairman Morris expressed that though he did not want the city and the county to go to such lengths, he is grateful for the willingness of them to do so.

Chairman Morris motioned to amend the budget to remove the city and the county charges; member Williams approved; seconded by member Fox; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

ITEM NO. 3 REPORT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

A. <u>CONSTRUCTION/CLOSURE UPDATES FOR PCC#2</u>

Ian Johnson reminded everyone that the landfill closure was completed in October. Submission of the affidavit certifying the closure was completed on November 20th. The agency with Waste management has to approve the final cover report and the affidavit certifying the closure. All of this is estimated to be finalized by the end of the 1st quarter of 2026, and in the meantime Landfill reports are still due.

Waste Management expresses that it has been a bit difficult to get certain things out of PCC#2. They sold the water truck and are working on getting rid of some of the yellow iron, scrapers, as well as the copy machine in the ticket office. It will not affect the utilization by the city and the county, but these items are projected to be out of there by springtime.

B. SIGNATURE APPROVAL REQUEST

There are 3 items that are being requested for signature approvals.

The first is for the 2025 Air Emission report that covers all the emissions from the landfills that are submitted in conjunction with PCC#1. This is only one submittal from Foth and Waste Management, which is due May 1st of 2026.

The second item is the annual post closure cost estimate update for PCC#2, due June 1st of 2026.

The final item is the 2025 Annual IEPA landfill capacity certification report. This will be the final report for PCC#2, which is just stating that capacity, with no more air space, which is due March 31st.

Waste Management would also like to request any signature from Chairman Morris, subject to Foth's review of anything that may come up from now to the next meeting.

Chairman motioned to approve the signature subject to Foth's review; member VanWinkle approved; Seconded by member Fox; approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

A question was raised about potential risk of approving these items that are projected for future use. Foth responds by stating that these reports are required routinely, so it is not a concern.

ITEM NO. 4 REPORT FROM GFL

A. MONTHLY REPORT

As of November 30th, 1,244 customers signed up for the normalized collection program. As of November 30th, 671 tons are being used in the free dump program. GFL reminds everyone about the CDC report, that was extended to March 10th, so it will get submitted.

B. SIGNATURE APPROVAL REQUEST

It was determined there was no signature approval request needed.

C. TRANSFER STATION PROJECT FROM CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge introduces Lisa Redmond, the Assistant Project Manager, and Tim Nay Field Manager for Cambridge. Lisa explains that they are the general contractor with GFL, to construct the new Transfer Station Facility.

Tim Nay presents a PowerPoint presentation of the new transfer station in Peoria, IL. Cambridge is currently being designed under Design Bill Contract and will service and manage waste for surrounding communities.

The site presented unique challenges as it required a conversion from a former landfill site to a modern transfer station facility. Cambridge began site infrastructure development which started on August 4th of 2025. Cambridge imported over 4,000 truckloads of fill from a borrowed fill site. Installation of outfall, spillways, and retention basins were constructed, and Cambridge provided images of the fill and equipment used for this process.

The project scope includes a 12,900+ square feet of pre-engineered metal building, with 4 operational bays and a dedicated tipping floor. Additional project features include; 1 truck pit for material processing, a certified truck scale paired with adjacent scale house for accurate metering, some retaining walls, and designated rooms for electrical equipment and sprinkler system to ensure safety and functionality of the system.

Some general facts on the facility itself; It is being designed on a 5.69-acre site, the 12' push wall is in the center of the building on the tipping floor area, and on top of that there is a 5' diverter plate so it doesn't go over the top of the wall. There is an 8' truck pit that the trucks will drive down into and use for a loadout area. The forecasted capacity of the facility is 600 tons per day, with an estimated completion of March 26th.

Cambridge went on to share a drone video of the area. Cambridge has completed the tipping floor area, push walls, truck pit area, and are working on the electrical room, riser room, and will be pouring the tipping floor starting next week. After that is completed, they will then focus on the scale house and truck scales, and also install an 82,000-gallon water tank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was determined there was no Unfinished Business to address.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined there was no New Business to address.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M.