



Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2020 5:30 PM

3rd Floor Meeting Room, Rapid City Administration building, 300 6th St, Rapid City, SD 57701

Members present: Alan Anderson, Zach Burkhard, Kelli Juhl, Pepper Massey, Kelly Moore, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Amy Amann, Bill Evans (City Councilman)

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

- 1) To accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) together with Dakota Rural Action and Western Dakota Tech concerning the Earth Expo. (Old business item 'e')
- 2) To purchase 30 black Earth Day T-shirts (see New Business, item 'd')
- 3) To purchase the CD/license for the short version of the "Bag It" movie (see New Business item 'e')

Call to Order – 5:38 pm

Agenda Approval- No amendments

Public Comments

- Air Quality Board approved three proposals.
- The Bee Conference appeared to have turned out very well.
- There has been some brainstorming about the SDM&T Sustainability/Environmental Club.

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes for Feb. 24th approved with changes– Moved to accept by Kelly, 2nd by Alan, motion carried.

Treasurer: No report

Social Media Coordinator: No report. Eva has moved out of the area. We will select a new Social Media Coordinator tonight.

Old Business

- a) **Sustainability Award:** Farmer's Market Award at City Council April 20th. No update
- b) **Black Hill PBR:** Continue to prepare the letter/survey to retailers, bag reduction contest with other SD communities should happen after we get some retail buy-in, talked about the purchase of license for 'Bag It' movie. Now we are collecting and sending content to Garth to post to the website.
- c) **Solid Waste/Recycling update:**
 1. Possibility of WDT building the recycling bins for City Hall. No Additional report.
 2. Solid Waste Master Plan Update: Three chosen companies have been interviewed for the new Solid Waste master plan. Plans include increase in composting, methane collection and how to extend the life of the cell.

3. Landfill tour will Tuesday March 17th at 12pm – space for about 20 people. Please contact Kevin if you plan to go.
- d) **Dark Skies:** No update, but Kevin is in the Flagstaff area and plans to check out the light pollution (or lack thereof) in Flagstaff.
- e) **Earth Day Expo:**
1. We are trying to get 10-15 \$100 raffle baskets from donors.
 2. Voted to approve the MOU (Kelly moved, Alan 2nd, motion carried)

*****NEW DEVELOPMENT - EARTH DAY EXPO IS IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY OF BEING POSTPONED*****

The Expo Team has not met or voted definitively, but the circumstances with the Coronavirus have been changing rapidly and the Expo activities must comply with WDT's campus policies regarding an outbreak or pandemic. Vendors have conveyed concerns and the participation level will be low if the health crisis continues to deteriorate. Conversation about an alternate date, possibly in September, is going around. Expo Team members are already trying to mitigate the changes.

- f) **Website:** Garth paid for the Web hosting and domain and RCSC will reimburse his expenses.
- g) **SDSM&T/Boy Scout Sustainability Merit Badges:** Lysann spent three hours working with scouts for their merit badges last Friday night.
- h) **EAFB Earth and Arbor Day Event:** No report
- i) **Sustainability Award Nominations:** After discussion, awards tabled.

New Business

- a) **Social Media Coordinator** -Alan nominated Garth, Kelli 2nd – nomination adopted.
- b) **Earth Day Expo Swag & FB promotion** – We discussed getting seed packets, stickers, to-go kits and continuing the use of our stainless-steel straws. Also discussed extending formal invitations to notable people.
- c) **BH Conference on Climate Sponsorship** – Lysann proposed that we consider contributing \$200 to \$300 to the conference. Alan said he would come to a number for a specific ask at the next meeting – so effectively tabled.
- d) **Earth Day Shirts** – Kelly moved, Alan 2nd, the purchase of 30 black 50th shirts for RCSC & council members. Motion passed.
- e) **"Bag It" documentary screening** – Kelli moved, Zach 2nd the purchase, up to \$180, for the short version of the documentary. It was decided the short version would be easier to keep the attention of a wider audience and the human reproduction section is removed for younger children. We can always include a panel discussion for older audiences. Motion carried.

Sub-Committee Reports – No reports tonight

- Education/Outreach/Events** -
- City Facilities** –
- Sustainable Development** –

Informational Items –

- Regular meeting 3/23 5:30
- Landfill Tour – 12pm on March 17th
- PBR March 19th, 6:30 at Haycamp
- World Water Day – March 21 at the Journey
- EXPO Meeting March 25th 2-3 pm WDT

Adjournment- 7:33

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

