

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2010
5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL ANNEX, 1300 MAIN, CONFERENCE ROOM # 1**

Wayne Klostermann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buelow, Wayne Klostermann, Joe Suarez and Chad Oberdoerster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gayle Walter and Ed Cawley. One seat remains vacant

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Rose Corrigan, Jon Brown, Don Vogt

Mary Rose Corrigan completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mike Buelow moved to accept the Minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting with spelling corrections. Joe Suarez seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by a 4 – 0 by roll call vote.

TEST AGENDA:

Food scrap letter and sustainability were added to Commission “Old Business”.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Food Scrap/Dubuque Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency’s Plan.

Chad Oberdoerster reported that this item was removed from the Solid Waste Agency’s meeting agenda late in December so, therefore, he did not attend the meeting. Senator Pam Jochum will be introducing legislation to remove food scraps from the solid waste classification, which will eliminate the need for a special permit to increase composting. Wayne will report on the proposed legislation as it occurs.

2. Fundraising Car Washes.

After discussion about potential options for making fundraising car washes compliant with stormwater regulations, the Commission decided to send a communication to the City Council regarding policy development on this issue. Mike Buelow moved to send the City Council a letter requesting them to have staff develop a policy/ordinance on fundraising car washes in the community. Joseph Suarez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 – 0 with a roll call vote.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS.

Mary Rose shared that the deer harvest count is a 103, including three bucks taken.

Jon Brown reported that the plans for the new wastewater treatment facility will be 90% complete later in January. All is going according to schedule. It is hoped that the preliminary plans can be approved by IDNR so that the bidding process can begin.

Don Vogt reported that the agency approved to move forward with the methane gas capture project. The consultant working on this also reviewed the dog track facility for its potential in capturing methane gas. Because of the low volume of gas now being produced, they did not recommend further study or investment for methane gas recovery at the dog track.

Mary Rose Corrigan is meeting with Cori Burbach, Sustainability Coordinator, and other to work on the plan for the ESAC's involvement in sustainability.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one present to address the Commission.

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Mary Rose Corrigan will draft a letter from the Commission for Wayne Klostermann's signature regarding fundraising car washes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ESAC sustainability role.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 2, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chad Oberdoerster moved to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Suarez seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Motion was approved by a 4-0 roll call vote at 5:40 p.m.

MRC/cj