

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting October 9, 2025

The Environmental Advisory Board held a meeting on this date at 4:00 p.m. at 405 6th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, in which the following items were discussed:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS/PUBLIC</u>
Sam Dailey	Sarah Nelson – excused	Estefani Valdez	Erin Novak – SCS
Grace Perrin		Arah Montagne	
Corinne Erickson			
Alex Johnson			
Drew Parvu			

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Arah Montagne at 4:07 p.m. Meeting minutes from April 10, 2025, May 8, 2025, August 14, 2025, and September 11, 2025, were approved with a motion by Grace Perrin and seconded by Alex Johnson.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

City of Sioux City Solid Waste Planning Area Public Meeting

Erin Novak with SCS Engineers presented the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan. This Plan is required to be developed and submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at least every five years. The purpose of this meeting is to look at the state of solid waste in our area and brainstorm solid waste management program priorities and goals for the next five years.

The four priorities that were identified in the 2021 plan were: streamline communication of questions and/or information, increase residents in the programs, additional single stream drop-off sites, and increase advertising for recycling programs. The EAB considered a few different factors before coming up with four priorities for the 2026 plan. Are there any new needs that you've heard from the public? Are there any demographic changes that would require you to look at new programs? Were all the 2021 priorities met? The four priorities the EAB determined for the 2026 plan were park recycling, education, increase in drop sites, and new downtown containers consistency/money sources.

The Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan is due May 1st. We will have a follow-up meeting in February or March to approve the plan.

New Business

The fall ReEvent went well. There is typically a line down to 28th Street but since we had several volunteers, we were able to keep the line moving. Our numbers are similar to the past fall events. The tally sheets were better organized this year. We received a lot of TVs and mattresses. Event numbers seem to increase in the spring.

The Sioux City Annual Health & Benefits Fair will be held on Thursday, October 23rd. Arah and Estefani will be at a booth during this event. We will be promoting 25on25 and Litter Dash for wellness points. Anyone is welcome to join and assist with the booth.

Announcements

Our office has seen an increase in rain barrel applications. Arah is working on an online application form but is still working with IT to finalize it.

Comments from Staff

Sam talked about fundraising ideas. Drew designed t-shirts that can be used to fundraise money for new containers. The t-shirts can be sold at Winnies. We can also create a "Litter Sux" window decal to sell.

Arah would like to start planning the Spring events. We can host different classes and raffle a rain barrel at the end of the presentation. We will add this item to the November agenda for discussion.

Sam is interested in classes or workshops that the EAB can attend. Arah has seen some plant propagation classes and mentioned that we can pay someone from ISWEP to do a rain garden class.

Sam talked about the litter issue near the riverfront and the number of plastic bottles that are found in this area. How can we teach people to take a moment and recycle plastic bottles. We can think of different ways to educate the public about recycling and discuss this during the November meeting.

Alex would like to do more community outreach with the schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm with a motion by Sam Dailey seconded by Arah Montagne, all voting aye.

Recorded by Estefani Valdez