Legislative Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 9:00 A.M, December 6, 2019

Location: WDMCS Community Education, West Des Moines

Members Present: Cindy Turkle, Bill Rowland, Hal Morton, Rick Hurt, Lori Dicks, Mary Wittry, Bill Schmidt, Rick Hurt, Dan Bacekowski, Garrett Prestegard, Brian Seals, Megan Seymore, Jen Frampton, Jim Obradovich and John Foster,

Members on Phone: None.

Committee Chair Foster started the meeting with introductions of those in person. Agenda was modified with item 2 and 3 switched for discussion. Committee reviewed the notes from the September 6th meeting with Turkle mentioning the date needed to be changed from December to September.

Foster presented the draft CY2020 Legislative priorities as developed from the September meeting. Discussion ensued over anticipated bottle bill changes anticipated this session. Foster mentioned a demonstration of the Droppet system could be possible. Those in attendance showed little interest. Committee agreed to forward document to the Directors for consideration.

Legislative Liaison Obradovich began discussion regarding potential legislative issues surrounding the disposal of wind mill blades and expressed his concern of the legislature imposing a mandate for landfills to accept for burial driven by the utility companies. Discussion ensued over quantities anticipated for disposal, management practices available and knowledge of how Colorado and Dakotas are managing the blades. Ketchum provided an update on how Waste Management is processing blades at its facility and offered assistance to other facilities interested in accepting this waste stream.

Foster reminded the Committee that the discussion at this meeting is more focused on legislative and rule making priorities rather than the operational aspect, as that topic will be addressed during the TAC meeting at 11:00. Discussion continued with the Committee agreeing to monitor the topic and be prepared if a position is required.

Meeting adjured at 10:10.