



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Discussion regarding the proposed second amendment to the Host Agreement between Lake County, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and the owner of the Zion Landfill, GFL, Inc.

- On January 28, 2010 Lake County, SWALCO and Veolia Zion Landfill, Inc. entered into a Host Agreement covering the Zion Landfill. The Agreement was amended by the parties on June 24, 2010 to clarify the payment of the local surcharge fee had been changed by an agreement between Lake County and SWALCO to divide that fee.
- The Host Agreement contains provisions for guaranteed access to the capacity at the Zion Landfill for waste generated in Lake County, additional environmental safeguards and the payment of host fees.
- The County and SWALCO have been negotiating with the owners of the Zion Landfill (GFL, Inc.) for nearly two years and included representatives from the City of Zion at those negotiations.
- The proposed second amendment includes provisions for additional environmental safeguards addressing odor control, noise control, litter control, wind erosion/particulate matter emission control plan, bird mitigation plan and development of a community relations program and dedicated website for the Zion Landfill. It also includes a provision for guaranteed access to capacity at the proposed expanded landfill for Lake County generated waste.
- The 2019 Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan requires that all entities with existing host agreements at either landfill shall have those agreements extended if either landfill proposes an expansion. These agreements must be amended prior to a siting application being filed for an expansion.
- Revisions to the proposed Second Amendment to the Host Agreement were still under consideration on May 27, 2021. Staff, therefore, recommended to the Financial and Administrative Committee that the item be postponed for discussion until a later date.
- This item is being brought back to the Committees for discussion, and final Committee action and subsequent Board action will take place at a later date.