

## DOCUMENTATION OF BEL AIRE'S UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY ON MAY 10, 2023

- There was no meeting agenda for Bel Aire's UAC activity on May 10, 2003 which was a tour of Waste Connections Recycling Center at 315 W. Blanchard in South Hutchinson, KS
- In attendance were Bel Aire Mayor Jim Benage, Council Member Emily Hamburg, and UAC members Art Tenbrink, Dan Broyles, and Terry Ercolani. The Bel Aire group met at City Hall at 2 pm for the 50 minute drive to tour the recycling center and with a return to City Hall by 5 pm.
- Plant Manager Keith Shaw hosted and guided the visiting tour group. A focus of the tour was to observe AMPPROBIOTICS automation that sort 80 tons per day of recyclables off a conveyor with a speed of 207 feet per minute. Each 1 of 8 robotics are programmed to extract a designated recyclable from the conveyor belt with a robotic arm.
- Plant Manager Shaw informed the group that plastic bags continue to interrupt plant operations by entangling conveyor mechanics that result in conveyor shutdowns to untangle the plastic bags (which should not be placed in recycle carts for any purpose). The tour group learned that glass (not mirrors, window pane, or auto glass) has high value and is in great demand and that food greased cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes) is now recyclable. Small metal car parts continue to be a problem since they are not recyclable except by, and only at, all metal recyclers.
- Although there was a quorum of UAC members present, there was NO discussion of any UAC normal business matter, there were NO UAC votes, and NO UAC decisions made during the time together for the recycling center tour.