

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 14 March 2022
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room 1068

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Fred Zaug, Vice Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Susan Golding and Joyce Boyer, Citizen Members Jeff Dyer and Maryann Snider were present while Citizen Members Nancy Koeppen and Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Golding, seconded by McClone to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Boyer, seconded by Koeppen to approve the 10 January 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment/Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment/correspondence, there was none.

Review preliminary budget to actual report for end of 2021: Francis handed out a copy of the report and shared it online for those attending remotely. He pointed out several areas of interest and there was discussion about various items.

Update on loader repairs – discuss moving rotation date up in capital list: Francis handed out a list of repair bills for the Bobcat Tele-handler used at the PTF and explained the continuing reliability issues we have been having with it. Barden explained some of the repairs that have been done in the past and what was recently worked on. Francis suggested that the loader be moved up on the CIP list from 2025 to 2023. There was further discussion and McClone suggested that staff find a way to replace the machine this year. There was discussion about how that could happen. Staff was directed to see what could be done and report back to the Board.

Staffing updates: Francis talked about the poor response to our PTF Operations Specialist position and how those candidates did not work out. Josh Peglow was contacted, interviewed, and hired for the position and is due to start on 21 March 2022. There was some discussion on how that process worked. Francis stated that interviews to replace our Program Specialist position will be conducted after the County Board meeting on Tuesday. They hope to have someone in place to shadow Kristy Harris for the last two months or so before she retires in June.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports:

- Zaug reported that he attended the WI Counties Solid Waste Management Association (WCSWMA) board meeting at the 2022 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC).
- McClone attended WIRMC as well. He found the keynote speaker (Rob Greenfield) very interested and said it was interesting to see how much we waste as a society (food and water, etc...).
- Sorenson added some thoughts on the keynote speaker as well and shared some photos from his website. She discussed a session that went over the DNR waste characterization study, the issue of food waste and how they are working to address these concerns. She also was able to tour the new Green Bay Packaging mill that receives our cardboard for recycling.
- There was discussion about how discarded food could be used and possible health and legal issues.

- Snider stated that Brooks Farm in Waupaca is looking into a bio digester with food waste that Sorenson should look into.

Recycling Coordinator's Report:

- a. Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated that the radio ads to promote burning permits and composting yard waste instead of burning have started again. She also mentioned that the yellow program flyer will be delivered later this week and going into the papers the week of April 4. She updated the board on the Earth Day challenge the Department is hosting for County employees in the Go365 Program.
- b. Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that the Town of Helvetia has decided to cancel looking into curbside pickup for garbage and recycling as it seems most residents are not in favor. She also submitted the MRF annual self-certification and has been working on the Annual Report data for the DNR.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that the new PTF building addition was complete, just waiting on an electrical permit from the State. Traffic is increasing at the PTF with the warmer weather. They are back to being open every Saturday and expect it to get busy soon.

Director Report: Francis stated that, as he reported in an earlier email, the idea of contracting out the operation of the tipping floor has been put on hold for now. He said it should be put on a future agenda to discuss if the County would like to pursue that as an option when the current hauling contract expires. It was requested that it be added to the April agenda.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 11 April 2022 at 3:30 pm in the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Golding to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director