

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 11 April 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, Supervisor Susan Golding, Citizen Members Nancy Koeppen and Jeff Dyer were present while Citizen Member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden and John Francis. Supervisor Joyce Boyer and Citizen Member Maryann Snider were unable to attend.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Golding, seconded by Koeppen to approve the 14 March 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Update on loader issues and possible long-term solutions: Francis and Barden gave some background information on the various issues we have been having with the loader. There was discussion about what type of equipment would hold up to the use at the PTF. It was stated that something needed to be done soon to correct this issue.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by McClone to pass a resolution authorizing staff to pursue the purchase of a new piece of equipment as soon as possible. There was some discussion about getting a request to Finance as soon as possible and that Francis should work with them to get something done soon. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Discussion on changing the scope of the hauling contract when it expires on 31 July 2023: Francis talked about how the idea of bidding out the operation of the tipping floor had fallen through with GFL and wanted to ask the Board their thoughts on if the Department should pursue something like that when the contract expires. There was discussion about the costs of operation, equipment issues, and what type of system would be most cost effective. Sorenson reported that our per-ton rate is one of the highest around and that many other similar operations pay far less for hauling and disposal. It would certainly be beneficial if the hauler owned their own landfill, as they would likely be able to offer a lower price. There was more discussion. Van Dyke suggested that staff put together a pros/cons list to review the options and bring back to the Board at a later date.

Renew electronics recycling contract: Sorenson explained that we have been working with Dynamic Recycling for years to handle our electronics materials and have been doing so under 1-year contracts. Dynamic approached us about signing a contract through the end of 2024 that would allow them to offer us better rates for our materials as they are working with OEMs to provide a contracted volume of materials. The contract is very similar to the existing yearly ones, just the term changing. There was discussion.

Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Zaug to approve the contract with Dynamic Recycling. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discuss GFL “Energy Surcharge” as it relates to the hauling contracts: Sorenson handed out copies of the parts of the recycling and solid waste hauling contracts that deal with price increases. The surcharge of 10% was added to the most recent recycling invoice. When GFL was contacted, they stated that the average increase they are adding to bills is 28% and that the surcharge goes into effect when the price of diesel increases above \$3.00/gallon. Our hauling contracts state that if the company needs to increase prices they must petition the Solid Waste Board for approval, which was not done. It was stated that future surcharges should not be paid until an increase is approved by the Board.

Citizen member terms expire 20 April 2022 – Recommend appointments to County Board: Francis explained that all four terms expire soon and asked the Board what they would like to do. There was discussion about the nature of the appointments and the terms.

Motion by Golding, seconded by McClone to recommend that all four Citizen Member position be re-appointed to new three-year terms. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

- Sorenson reported that she attended a hazardous materials awareness course online recently.

Recycling Coordinator’s Report:

- Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated that the Yellow Program flyers went out last week in the Buyer’s Guide. She also mentioned that in person presentations at schools have been ramping up and that the Earth Day Challenge for County Employees is starting on Monday.
- Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that that they have already sold out of compost bins, they went very quickly so she is attempting to get one more pallet. Sorenson also reported that she submitted the annual report to the DNR. Total weight of residential table 1 materials was 2,387.55 tons of material. The total amount of material diverted from landfill was 4,851 tons.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that it has been very busy due to the nicer weather. The Highway Department has brought out an excavator to help load semi-trailers for a couple days while our loader is down. He also stated that the household hazardous waste program is due to start in a couple weeks.

Director Report: Francis stated that Jennifer Monty was hired as our new Program Specialist and has begun training already. Her official start date is 25 April 2022. He also stated that the new Operation Specialist, Josh Peglow, is working out well at the PTF.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 9 May 2022 at 3:30 pm in the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Golding to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm

Submitted by,

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