

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 13 February 2023
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, Supervisor Sue Golding, Citizen Members Lois Bressette and Jeff Dyer were present while, Citizen Member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden, and John Francis were also present. Vice-Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors John Miller and Scott Purchatzke, and Citizen Member Maryann Snider were unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Bressette to approve the 9 January 2023 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Update on solid waste hauling contract bid process: Francis stated that he has reached out to several landfills within approximately a 50-mile radius of the PTF to get a disposal cost estimate. The goal is to have multiple landfills listed on the request for proposals with companies quoting a price per pull to haul to each site. With that information and the estimated disposal cost, we should be able to determine what site and hauler would be the best deal for the County. This approach gives regular trucking companies a chance to compete with the hauling companies that operate landfills as well. It also gives the companies that run landfills as well as trucking the opportunity to discount their trucking cost if the material is brought to their landfill. For example, Waste Management could propose a lower trucking cost if it was brought to their landfill, but a higher cost if it were to haul to another site.

There was some discussion and clarification on this process. Francis stated that he would put the contract out for bids once he had the last landfill estimates. It will likely go out in March and be brought to the April meeting for approval.

EPA Recycling Education and Outreach grant cooperative partnership discussion: Sorenson reported she has been working to partner with Recycling Connections, a nonprofit, out of Steven's Point on an EPA Recycling Education and Outreach Grant. Recycling Connections (RC) is applying for the grant and Waupaca County would be a cooperative partner, along with Portage and Marathon Counties, and the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Sorenson explained if the EPA awards grant funding, RC would like to develop an interactive mobile education unit, expand their current outreach program, and promote composting at home by making compost bins more affordable and accessible. Sorenson stated if awarded, Waupaca County wouldn't have to spend any match dollars, only time spent as an in-kind match would be required. The grant applications are due this Friday and they should be announced by summer of 2023. The grant will be competitive, however, if awarded, it will be a great resource for Waupaca County. There was some discussion on how the mobile unit would be used and who would drive and store it. Overall, the group agreed that if awarded, it would be a benefit to Waupaca County.

2022 Year-end budget to actual review: Francis handed out copies of the budget to actual report for the end of 2022. He pointed out key numbers and what they mean related to budget performance. The bottom line is that

the department came in very close to the projected budget – just a little under. He stated that there could still be some bills posted to the 2022 budget, but it should remain fairly close to the report handed out. There was some discussion.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports: Zaug opened the floor to any reports. Sorenson stated that the WIRMC conference was coming up next week and asked if those who were signed up had any questions.

Recycling Coordinator’s Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated she has been working on updating the Yellow Program Flyer and plans to have it go out in the papers the first week of April. She has also begun preparation for Earth Day and plans to hold a cleanup challenge during the week of Earth Day for County employees.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson reported she has been working on the annual recycling report for the DNR. She also reported that the Village of Iola has gone to bid for curbside recycling service. They hope to start service in either June or July of this year. The Clerk also stated to Sorenson that she believes the Village plans to “get out” of the recycling center agreement next year. Sorenson stated that this is the fourth municipality to switch from a recycling center to curbside service in the last year, which reiterates why she and Francis believe a study on the future direction of our recycling program is necessary. There was some discussion on curbside recycling being single stream. Sorenson shared a video of the Tri-County MRF, where most of Waupaca County’s single stream material goes, so the board could see what the sorting process looks like there.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that the warmer weather has brought out more customers as it has been busier lately. Fabick Caterpillar has been getting all the loader attachments fitted and there will be some more couplings required from Highway Department to finish the conversion to the new loader. This should be done soon.

Director Report: Francis reported briefly about the Courthouse space-needs study being conducted to help guide any future renovation plans for the Courthouse.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 13 March 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Waupaca County Courthouse – room 1068.

Adjourn: Motion by Golding to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director