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## WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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 Joyce Boyer, Janet Lehrer, and Peter Bosquez; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Nancy Koeppen, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis. Citizen member Maryann Snider was unable to attend.

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Boyer to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

**DEN Employee Issues – Options to Move Forward:** Francis stated that DEN Services sent out notice that they would be closing their doors by the end of June this year. Our four contracted employees at the PTF are currently working through DEN. There was discussion about what DEN is and how it came to be and why the County went with contracted employees in the first place. Francis handed out a spreadsheet and explained several different options he and the HR Department had been working on to be able to keep the same people doing their jobs for us. There was much discussion on the various options and why all of them cost more than the current contracted price. The general feeling of the Board was that the positions should be made into permanent County positions at some point in the future, but there may need to be a temporary solution so that there would be time to run the positions through the budget process. Francis stated that he did not have solid numbers yet from another employment service to present another option other than making them County Employees so he would continue to gather information and bring it back to the Board.

**Ordinance Updates:** Sorenson handed out copies of the Solid Waste Ordinance and walked through the proposed changes. Most of the changes were minor job title changes and similar items. There was discussion on a few items to clarify the meaning.

Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Lehrer to approve the changes and forward them on to the next step in the approval process. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**PTF Supervisor Update:** Claussen reported that the PTF has been very busy lately. There has been a lot of scrap metal brought in with the increased traffic as well which has been a good revenue source lately. He reported that they have been loading two semi-trailer daily and Graichen Sanitation has been keeping up with pulls to the landfill. There was some discussion about if the County should be looking at having its own landfill in the future and why it came to be that we haul our materials to the Outagamie Landfill.

**Meetings/Conferences Attended:** Van Dyke reported on his efforts to gather information to discuss at a future Ad Hoc Committee on Plastics. He has contacted Meleesa Johnson from the AROW group to find out if they were planning to advocate for restoring the full recycling grant from the landfill fees. The AROW group is concerned about taking funds away from Land and Water Conservation programs. Van Dyke has responded to them that the money from landfill fees that was diverted to the Economic Development Corporation should be

restored to the recycling grant. Once he has gathered more information he will call a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Plastics. There was then a discussion about plastics, how to deal with their use, who should be responsible for them and options for reducing, reusing, recycling, and incineration.

**Recycling Coordinators Report:**

- a. Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she has continued working with local schools for presentations on recycling and composting. She has also been working with AROW for a social media campaign leading up to Earth day. The Burning News and Yellow Program Flyers have been printed and will be going into papers in the next two weeks. Sorenson has also started advertising for the compost bin sale.
- b. Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that she had submitted our MRF Self Certification report to the DNR. The PTF processed 563.80 tons of table 1 recyclables last year. Sorenson reported that she is waiting for one more number verification from the CAWS site and then she will be able to submit the Recycling Final Report to the DNR. The PTF is prepping for HHW intake and the appliance round up, both which begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Director Report:** Francis handed out a copy of the final end of 2018 budget report and discussed the various aspects of how it all worked out for 2018. There was discussion about the report.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next meeting was scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Boyer, seconded by Koeppen to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis  
Parks and Solid Waste Director

## Revolution Plastics/ Agriculture Plastic Recycling

### Background:

- Recycles silage/grain bags, most bunker covers and oxygen barrier film, drip tape, fumigation, green house, and hoop house films, irrigation taper and tubing, and boat wrap.
- In 2016 they brought in dumpsters to Waupaca County Farmers, including two that were brought to the Processing and Transfer Facility.
- Once the dumpsters are full the company will come and pick up the plastic and bring it down to their recycling plant. **They offered this service free of charge.**
- Currently they are servicing **83 farms** in Waupaca County, collecting an average of **466,412 lbs.** of agriculture plastic annually, and keeping it out of landfills /from being burned or buried on the farm.

### Request:

- On April 17<sup>th</sup> Revolution Plastics sent a letter **requesting the County help with partial funding of the program.** The same letter was sent out to all participating counties. **See Attachment A to review the letter.**
- The company is stating there is an increased cost in collections, agriculture plastic is hard to clean and sell, and issues with farmers not being compliant i.e. excessive amounts of dirt in dumpsters and other contaminants is what is leading them to this request.
- **Asking for \$600 per farm or \$49,800 a year starting in January of 2020.**

### Follow up:

- Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, John Francis, Taylor Sorenson, and Greg Blonde met with Price Murphy the Director of Operations for Revolution Plastics to discuss the request letter and learn more information.
- Murphy stated that it's not important where the money is coming from, i.e. the farmers or the County, but what is important to Revolution Plastics is that the County is supporting the program. **Revolution Plastics DOES NOT want to bill the farmers directly, they believe this will not go over well.**
- Gave us a contract to review. **See Attachment B to review the contract.** Would need to sign contract by the end of August.

### Options moving forward:

- One feasible option would be the County playing the "middle man" and would do an annual billing of the farmers as well as assists in education of how to properly recycle this agriculture plastic. Several factors would need to go into this in order for it to work:

- Would need a minimum of 40 farms to agree to pay for their dumpsters in order for Revolution Plastics to continue servicing.
- A survey to farmers to find out interest.
- If Dane County leaves the program, Revolution will pull out of Wisconsin entirely.
- Kristy would set up a billing program through Logos. It would be about 4 hours of work for her annually to administer the billing- unless there are issues with payments.
- Running the program/education outreach would be about 12 hours annually for Taylor.
- Price Murphy (Director of Operations for Revolution Plastics) does not want any changes to their Contract. Diane Meulemans from Corp. Counsel has several issues with this contract and would like to see changes before the County were to sign it.
- **If the County decides to not bill the farmers or use money from our budget to help subsidize this program, Revolution Plastics will remove all dumpsters and stop servicing Waupaca County farms starting in September of 2019.**



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### **Agricultural Plastic Collection & Recycling**

John Francis – Waupaca County Director,

Revolution Plastics collects ag plastics from farms and businesses and we recycle the material at our US based facilities.

We currently provide free on farm 8-yard dumpsters and free collection for 83 farms in Waupaca County and have done so since 2016.

The team at Revolution Plastics collects an average of 466,412 lbs. of ag plastics from these Waupaca County locations annually keeping it out of the landfill or from being burned or buried on the farm.

Although the program is the most successful ag plastics recycling program in WI history, due to increased costs in collections and the fact dirty ag plastics has zero value in market place, we are at a point where we need to share the program costs to continue the on-farm collection program.

The Revolution Plastics team recently met with the WI Department of Agriculture, The WI Department of Natural Resources, the UW Extension, and key farm partners and all parties suggested that each county may be willing to consider taking part in funding the program.

We are requesting that the county partially fund the program, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, by providing Revolution Plastics \$600 in funding annually for each farm we service in the county. We currently service 83 farms in Waupaca County which brings the total annual request for funding to \$49,800.

The funding can be paid in 12 equal monthly payments of \$4,150.

The funding will help us continue to provide on farm collection service to the farmers of Waupaca County and continue to grow the program within the county.

Please contact me no later than Friday May 31, 2019 to confirm receipt and to discuss the county's intentions.

Sincerely,

Price Murphy

Director of Operations

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**Agreement  
To  
Collect Approved Farm Waste Plastics**

This Agreement is entered as of the 1st day of January 2020 by and among Revolution Plastics Midwest, LLC, (“Revolution Plastics”) and Waupaca County Solid Waste and Recycling.

WHEREAS,

- A. Since on or around Fall 2016 Revolution Plastics has been conducting a plastic recycling program in the Waupaca county area whereby Revolution Plastics or its representatives collect farm waste plastics in the category of low-density polyethylene (#4) plastics (“Farm Waste Plastic”) to be recycled into other usable plastic products (the “Recycling Program”).
- B. Revolution Plastics has provided the containers used to collect the Farm Waste Plastic at no charge to the farms participating in the collection efforts.
- C. Waupaca County desires for Revolution Plastics to continue collecting Farm Waste Plastic.
- D. Waupaca County agrees to compensate Revolution Plastics as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Revolution Plastics will continue to collect Farm Waste Plastic from farms in Waupaca County in accordance with the terms prescribed in the Rental & Service Agreement (“Rental & Service Agreement”) Revolution Plastics enters with participating farmers in Waupaca County.
- 2. Waupaca County will pay to Revolution Plastics a minimum of \$4,150 no later than the 1st day of each month beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing until the last payment on December 1, 2020. The rate is calculated at \$50 per month for each participating farm with a 40-farm minimum. Waupaca county has 83 farms participating in the recycling program.
- 3. Waupaca County will use its best efforts to cause farmers participating in the Recycling Program to strictly comply with the Rental & Service Agreement, particularly, and not limited to, using Revolution Plastics containers only for Approved Materials as described in the Rental & Service Agreement.
- 4. This Agreement shall continue for Farm Waste Plastics collected by Revolution Plastics hereunder through December 31, 2020, unless terminated sooner by a party due to the breach of this Agreement by another party hereto. Any breach of this Agreement must be cured by the breaching party within 5 calendar days of its receipt of written notice of breach from the aggrieved party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

REVOLUTION PLASTICS MIDWEST, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name and Title

Waupaca County County Solid Waste and Recycling

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name and Title