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Res No 18 (21-22) Nuclear Waste Repository Resolution _____ 4

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – June 14th, 2021
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room LL42

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 Sue Golding, and citizen members Maryann Snider, Nancy Koeppen and Jeff Dyer were present while citizen member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Corporation Counsel Diane Meulemans, staff members Tom Claussen and John Francis.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Golding, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes. Boyer pointed out a change that should be made to the minutes. Golding withdrew the motion.

Motion by Golding, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes with the discussed changes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Repeal Waupaca County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 18: Nuclear Waste Exploration Ordinance: Francis gave a brief background on the issue and why it was brought to the Board again. He then turned it over to Meulemans to explain further.

Meulemans talked about the events that happened in the 1980's that led to the creation of Chapter 18 in 1985. She also talked about the State administrative codes and statutes that have been put in place to regulate this issue at the State level. She explained that the County cannot take action on something that is already regulated by the State – any such County regulation would be void. What harm would come if it was left in place? It would call into question the validity of all the other County Ordinances and a company could sue the County for trying to enforce an invalid ordinance. There was some discussion about the repeal process.

Meulemans then introduced a draft of a resolution that was written mainly by Van Dyke that would be a legal way for the County to take a stand against nuclear waste. It would show the County's position as being unified against establishing a nuclear waste facility in the area. She explained that for the resolution to pass it would first need to be approved by the Solid Waste Board, then it would go to LJESS, then to the full County Board. There was some discussion on what the resolution means, if it had any binding authority, and how the draft resolution came to be.

Van Dyke thanked Diane for all her work on this issue and stated that he is pleased with the resulting document.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Lehrer to repeal Chapter 18 of the County Code of Ordinances. Lots of discussion on what it would mean to do this, and how the County would be protected if the issue came up in the future. Van Dyke talked about how it was addressed in 1985 and that if it came up again, a new subgroup could be created like last time to protect the citizens of Waupaca County. Meulemans explained the process outlined in Chapter 2 of the County Ordinances for forming sub-groups to address specific issues like this. She also

talked about how cities and towns have “home rule” that allows them to pass laws even if the State has addressed the issue. Motion passed without a negative vote.

HazWaste building capital project – Update: Claussen stated that everything is ready to go, just waiting on the State to approve the building plans; we have all other required permits.

Scale Kiosk - Update: Claussen reported that the kiosk is installed and they are having a few contractors try out the system to see how it works and if something else needs to be done. The system appears to be working well. We are now sending out a letter to all of the charge accounts letting them know about the system and how they can get their unique pin codes for the scale kiosk. Should work well!

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There was none to report.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that is getting quite busy at the PTF. Adding to the normal traffic and volume – the King Veterans home is taking down 18 houses and all those materials are being trucked up to the PTF. There was some discussion about the Brown County and the Outagamie landfills and what they are doing – Brown County is developing a landfill, Outagamie is opening a new cell in their landfill to provide more capacity.

Director Report: Francis talked about the budget process a little and stated that at least the capital portion of the proposed 2022 budget will be brought to the Solid Waste Board for review at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 12, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director

RESOLUTION No 18 (2021-2022)

SUBJECT: Opposition to Nuclear Waste Repository Exploration

WHEREAS, a 1983 statewide referendum showed that eighty-nine percent of Wisconsinites voted against having a nuclear waste repository site in Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) has identified a potential nuclear waste site in Yucca Mountain, Nevada; however, Nevada state and local officials and citizens oppose the site and the current federal administration does not intend to have Yucca Mountain serve as a repository site for long term nuclear waste storage; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Wolf River Batholith was again listed by the DOE as the next best alternative site to Yucca Mountain; the Wolf River Batholith is a geological formation of quartz, granite and other rock types which lies under an approximately 1,000 square mile area that includes over seven counties, including Langlade, Shawano, Waupaca, Menominee, Portage, Marathon and Oconto counties, and the lands of three tribes, the Stockbridge-Munsee, the Menominee and the Ho-Chunk Nations.

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Wisconsin State Legislature passed legislation that inadvertently lifted Wisconsin’s 1983 moratorium on the development of a nuclear waste repository site in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has enacted statutes and administrative regulations that form the exploration and approval process for long term nuclear waste repository siting throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations require notice be given to affected counties and public hearings held within the affected jurisdictions as part of the exploration and approval process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors through it’s Solid Waste Management Board opposes any exploration for nuclear waste siting within Waupaca County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Solid Waste Management Board take a leadership role on community education and outreach prior to any public hearing involving nuclear waste repository siting, and that the Solid Waste Management Board be actively involved in any future public hearing on the topic of long term nuclear waste repository siting.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____ Ayes _____ Nays

ATTEST:

Diane L. Meulemans, Corporation Counsel

Jill Lodewegen

Waupaca County Clerk

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