

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – August 12th, 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 Janet Lehrer, and Peter Bosquez; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Maryann Snider, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Becky Keilty and Staff Members Taylor Sorenson and John Francis. Supervisor Joyce Boyer and Citizen Member Nancy Koeppen were unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by McClone to approve the July 8th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment / Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment, there was one person who wished to speak about an agenda item. There was no correspondence.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Lehrer to move agenda item # 8 above #6 on the agenda to accommodate the general public in attendance. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discussion on PTF Operating Hours: Becky Keilty spoke on this issue. She has a very hard time making it to the facility when it is open. She did a pole on Facebook and quite a few people agreed that it was hard to make it when the facility was open as they were working the same hours. She requested that the Board look into keeping the facility open later one day a week so people could make it on time.

Francis said he had discussed the issue with Claussen and they said it would be difficult to open later than 7am each day as it would cause hardship on the many contractors that use the site as well as disrupting the hauler that brings the materials to the landfill. The only real option would be to extend the hours later on some schedule, but there would likely need to be overtime done to do the staffing as they are a skeleton crew at the site.

There was discussion about if the hours could be extended once a month on a trial basis to see if it helps people. It was decided that the staff should look into options for this and report back to the Board. Staff was also directed to let Becky Keilty know what comes of this.

Plastic Recycling Concerns – Discussion and Future Action: Van Dyke explained what he and Sorenson have been working on regarding the plastics issue. There was discussion about SS 66.0419 (AB 730) which was passed that takes away local government's ability to restrict the use of single-use plastics. The plan is to send a letter to our representatives urging them to support AB 177 which would repeal SS 66.0419. A draft of the letter was passed out as well as additional language that Van Dyke would like to incorporate with it. There was discussion about the best approach to getting our message to the Assembly people. Van Dyke stressed that something needed to be sent soon so we don't miss our chance.

Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Bosquez to send an open letter to Representative Peterson and the local papers urging action on AB 177 using the wording discussed at this meeting. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Review Proposed 2020 Budget: Francis handed out the Solid Waste and Recycling budget worksheets and went through what was changed on the Solid Waste side. Sorenson went through the Recycling budget and explained the changes. There was discussion on a few specific line items. It was decided that the registrations and lodging lines should be increased to allow more Board Members to attend the fall conference to benefit from the educational sessions.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Lehrer to approve the budgets and move them on to Finance. Motion passed without a negative vote.

PTF Supervisor Update: No report.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: None to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that fair is next week. She passed out the schedule to those who had signed up to work and said that those members would be mailed tickets this week.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that the e-cycle program year 10 report was submitted and that the County recycled 150,947 pounds of eligible electronics. The Recycling Implementation Council meeting is scheduled for September 19th at Union Town Hall and she will be sending out agendas soon. Sorenson also updated that cardboard markets are down this year which is hurting our revenue. She has been doing some research to see how other programs are funding themselves especially during these unfavorable market conditions.

Director Report: Francis reported that there was a lot happening at the PTF right now. The Highway Department is working on preparations to put down new pavement starting Thursday so they have a reclaimer on site grinding up all the old pavement. The facility is to remain open during the process. Staff is working with Highway to limit the impact to customers. There will be a day or two when the scale will be inaccessible so staff will be doing estimates of load weights. He also discussed the brush collection that has happened since the big storms went through July 19-20th. Emergency Management has told us that we can be reimbursed for the cost of grinding the brush pile from the storm damage.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for September 9th, 2019 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone, seconded by Lehrer to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Submitted by,

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Parks and Solid Waste Director