

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – September 9th, 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, Supervisors Janet Lehrer, Joyce Boyer, and Peter Bosquez; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Nancy Koeppen, Maryann Snider, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Staff Members Tom Claussen and John Francis. Vice-Chair Joe McClone was unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Lehrer to approve the August 12th, 2019 minutes with two corrections. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment / Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment, there was none. There was no correspondence.

Plastic Recycling Concerns – Discussion and Future Action: Van Dyke talked about what had happened since the last meeting with this issue. Sorenson (Recycling Coordinator) contacted the office of Representative Shankland as they sponsored the bill and it sounded like they wanted to get this going soon. The bill is stalled as Representative Novak needs to schedule a hearing. This is not likely to happen. It was suggested that it may be best to wait until after the elections to see if the leadership changes. Emily Conklin, Rep. Shankland's staff member, liked the strongly worded letter the Board approved at the last meeting. They suggested letting the issue sit for a while to see what happens. There was discussion about the steps to get a bill passed.

Snider suggested that it would be better to bring it up now so that there could be press coverage regardless of if it passes or not. Bosquez stated that we should be complaining loudly that our hands are being tied by the law. We should get other counties involved to turn up the heat on the situation. Boyer suggested that the Wisconsin Counties Association Conference may be a good place to get other counties involved. There was discussion and it was suggested that we try to get all the responsible units in the State together to complain about this situation. Zaug and Van Dyke will be going to the next WCSWMA Meeting and would bring it up there to see what others are doing.

Code of Ordinances – Chapter 2 Updates. Re: Solid Waste Board Duties and Responsibilities: Francis talked about why Chapter 2 was being updated and showed several examples of what other Committee descriptions were like. He then went over the old version of what was included for the Solid Waste Board as well as the new version. There was discussion on the new version (see below):

Solid Waste Management Board: The Solid Waste Management Board is a nine member board composed of five County Board Supervisors, appointed during the Committee on Committees, and four Citizen Members, created pursuant to Sec. 59.70(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Citizen Member terms shall be 3 years, County Board Member terms coincide with their County Board Terms. The Management Board shall elect from its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions shall be filled by County Board Members. The Board is responsible for overseeing the Solid Waste and Recycling Department and all duties and responsibilities listed in Sec. 59.70(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes as well as those defined in Chapter 20 of the Waupaca County Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Boyer, seconded by Koeppen to approve the changes to the Solid Waste section of Chapter 2. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Discussion on PTF Operating Hours: Claussen reported that he looked into this issue and suggested we try staying open until 5pm on one Thursday a month as he is able to flex employees on that day. There was discussion then it was decided that this should be tried starting in January of 2020.

Hazardous Waste MOUs with Brown and Waushara Counties: Francis explained that Sorenson has been working on these and that nothing has changed other than the dates. The Brown County MOU guarantees us a place to dispose of the hazardous waste. The MOU with Waushara County allows Waushara County residents to use our facility at the same rates as Waupaca County residents. Waupaca County is eligible for more funding from the Clean Sweep Grant by applying with multiple counties.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the 2nd layer of blacktop was delayed a bit due to the rainy weather but the first layer is actually shedding water like it should. There was 151 tons of brush brought in to the PTF during the free intake period due to the July 20th storm damage. This would have been about \$3,018 in revenue if the normal fee was charged.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There was discussion about the booth at the County Fair. Lehrer talked about working with Sorenson at the booth and how it was a good experience. Everyone that worked the booth said there was a fair amount of traffic.

Recycling Coordinators Report: Francis relayed Sorenson's report

- a. **Education Outreach:** The Fair went well, thanks to everyone who staffed the booth.
- b. **Program Updates:** Working on recycling grant, clean sweep grant, and hazardous mitigation grant (for burning news) applications. Tire round up starts October 1st and runs through the 14th.

Director Report: Francis talked about the Citizen Member terms and how it appears they have been over-due for renewal for some time. He stated that he would put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for October 14th, 2019 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director