

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – October 14th, 2019
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room 1068

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Koeppen to approve the September 9th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Plastic Recycling Concerns – Discussion and Future Action: Van Dyke stated he is working on a letter to send out. He is waiting on a fact sheet from Representative Shankland's office regarding the bills that they are working on. He handed out copies of his notes from the June Wisconsin Council on Recycling and talked about a few of his take-aways from it.

Sorenson talked about the agriculture plastic recycling program and explained how Revolution Plastics is moving forward and what services they were going to be charging for in 2020.

PTF Pricing Changes for 2020: Sorenson handed out a spreadsheet showing how the tipping fee increases at the landfill and increased transportation costs have changed our operating costs and how the rate increases for 2020 will impact the bottom line based on several pricing options. There was discussion on the best approach to dealing with the issue.

Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Koeppen to keep the minimum charge at \$15 and raise our tipping fee from \$75 /ton to \$80/ton starting January 1st, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Solid Waste Board Citizen Member Appointments (3-year terms): Francis stated that all four Citizen Member Terms appear to have expired in 2014 and he could not find record of them being re-appointed. There was discussion about the process and what needed to happen to re-appoint everyone. All agreed to continuing their service on the Solid Waste Board.

Motion by McClone, seconded by Zaug to re-appoint all Citizen Members to terms ending on 30 April 2022. Motion carried without a negative vote.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the new blacktop is working out great and water is running off the surface like it should. The Tire Roundup went over well, collected over 100,000 lbs in two weeks. Sorenson suggested that numbers may have picked up due to the many forwards the event received on Facebook. Claussen talked about how the price of scrap steel has dropped from \$203/ton in June of 2018 to

\$83/ton at this time. They are working on ways to make the collection more efficient so that we can still be paid for our materials.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: Sorenson reported on the Recycling Implementation Council meeting that was held on September 19th. The council voted to use \$5,000 from their fund balance to bringing the balance down to \$40,547 and making the per capita assessment for 2019 \$1.8037. Sorenson also reported on the DNR sponsored Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Stakeholder Meeting she and Claussen attend on October, 7th. There was updates on recycling markets, DNR regulations, and several MRF's gave presentations.

Zaug reported that he attended a WCSWMA meeting in Stevens Point. He reported that the group is lobbying to support an e-cycle bill and a bill that would give local governments the authority to regulate the use of single-use plastics such as bottles, bags and straws. He also stated that the WIRM conference would be February 26th-28th, 2020 at the Chula Vista resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she presented to Waupaca's Rotary, had Conservation Field Day, and has an upcoming WLC 4th grader presentation. She also spoke on WDUX's breakfast show to promote the Tire Round-Up and the Hazardous Waste Program, which ends on the 31st.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that all grant applications that were due have been submitted and she has almost finished the Burning News grant application which is due in November. Sorenson informed the board that the State is performing an audit of the recycling program, with the goal of being done in spring of 2020.

There were several compliments on how well Sorenson has been doing her job – Well done!

Director Report: Francis talked about the budget process. He stated that the new position request has passed both HR and Finance Committees but we will not know for sure until the budget passes the County Board.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for November 11th, 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 4:11 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director