

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – January 10th, 2022 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, Supervisor Susan Golding, Citizen Members Jeff Dyer and Maryann Snider were present while Supervisor Joyce Boyer and Citizen Members Nancy Koeppen and Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden and John Francis.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Golding, seconded by Dyer to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Highway Department request to dig test holes at the PTF property: Francis stated that he was approached by the Highway Department to see if they could dig some test pits on the PTF property to see if it would be suitable for a sand/gravel pit sometime in the future. He explained that because the property was purchased by the County for possibly developing a landfill on the site someday, the Solid Waste Board has some say in what can happen with the property. The Public Property committee has the final authority on what the land can be used for and currently leases the property for agriculture use. Highway will need to get approval from that committee before doing any digging on the property. There was some discussion and it was brought up that in the past there were test wells drilled around the property while exploring the landfill idea so there may be records yet on what aggregates are at what depths on the site. Francis stated that from the Solid Waste Department standpoint, if the property were to be developed into a landfill at some point in the future, having a big hole dug from running the site as a gravel pit will only save the County some money in excavating. There was some discussion on likely opposition to the idea of it becoming a gravel pit, but it was stated that the decision would fall on the Public Property Committee.

Motion by Boyer, seconded by Golding to relay to the Public Property Committee that the Solid Waste Board is not opposed to the Highway Department doing exploratory test pits on the PTF property. Motion passed without a negative vote. Zaug and McClone abstained because they are on the Highway Committee.

GFL/Graichen hauling contract – discussion on possible changes: Francis handed out a rough draft of an RFP for hauling and disposing of the solid waste from the PTF and talked about some of the aspects of the project. He was concerned about the possibility that by combining the hauling and landfill fees into one per-ton cost that only one company would be able to bid on the project. He stated that he has since learned there may be a couple other companies that have both operations and it was possible that a hauler without its own landfill could contract with a landfill for the term of the agreement. The other main concern was if the current hauling contractor would be willing to end the existing contract (goes through July of 2023) to allow a new modified contract to begin in 2022. There was discussion about the process and what might be acceptable to possible bidders and the County.

Francis stated that he would further refine the draft RFP with help from staff then have it checked over by Corporation Counsel. He then will work with the current hauling contractor to see if they would be OK with putting it out to bid. If all goes well, a cleaned up RFP will be brought to the Solid Waste Board for approval before going out for proposals in the near future.

PTF Reorganization update: Francis stated that the new position should be advertised soon and discussed the likely timeframe for having a person to fill the position.

2022 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC) – Discussion and future action: Sorenson stated that Zaug and McClone have indicated that they wanted to attend the conference so she will sign them up. She talked about how much funding we have left to pay for members to attend and asked if anyone else was interested. There was some discussion about Covid concerns and scheduling conflicts. Nobody else will be attending the conference.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports: Zaug asked if anyone had anything to report, there was nothing.

Recycling Coordinator’s Report:

- a. Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated that mailings with updated PTF brochures and program information have been sent out to local municipalities, libraries, chambers, and police departments. She also informed the board that the Home & Garden Show was going to take place in 2022. There was some discussion on increase in cost and that grant funding would no longer cover a portion of the cost of a booth. Due to the increase of cost Sorenson recommended not having a booth at the Home Show this year. There was no objection.
- b. Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that the City of Waupaca had started their curbside service this month. Sorenson also informed the board that she submitted the Household Hazardous Waste grant report and that in 2021 we had 121 users who brought in 7,062 lbs. of material, an average of 58.4 lbs. a person. The program is still very well utilized.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that the new PTF building addition was complete except for the windows that are on back order. Traffic at the PTF has slowed down due to winter weather.

Director Report: Francis stated that all four Citizen Member terms expire on April 20, 2022 and asked if the Board wanted to do anything different with them to space out the terms so they don’t all end at the same time. There was some discussion and it was decided that it worked fine the way we have been doing it. It was also stated that if a Citizen Member did not wish to be on the Solid Waste Board for another 2-year term, they should notify Francis so they can begin looking for replacements.

Francis also stated that he would bring end of year budget numbers to the Board when they become available.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 14, 2022 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Golding, seconded by Van Dyke to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director