

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – January 13th, 2020
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 Peter Bosquez and Joyce Boyer; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Maryann Snider, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen and John Francis. Supervisor Janet Lehrer and Citizen Member Nancy Koeppen were unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Dyer to approve the November 11th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Plastic Recycling Concerns – Discussion and Future Action: Van Dyke updated the Board on his progress with the plastics issue. Representative Shankland’s office is not anticipating any action on this issue anytime soon. Van Dyke stated that even if the issue were brought up now and shot down, it could be raised again in the next session. Sorenson reported that she contacted Outagamie County about their % of plastic “tangles” contamination and has not heard back from them yet. She also stated that the State is planning on doing a waste characterization study but has not heard back on their timeline for the project yet.

2019 Budget – Progress Report: Francis handed out a few budget reports and talked about what is happening in regards to the cost of dealing with solid waste. There was discussion about the funding levels and increasing costs and what should be pursued in future budgets.

2020 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference – Schedule Attendance: Sorenson talked about the upcoming conference and asked members to let her know who was planning to attend. There was discussion about the schedule and costs. She must register soon before the price goes up and they run out of reserved rooms.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the PTF has slowed down now. They are doing a lot of cleaning and painting recently. Joe Barden has refurbished the main entrance sign and it looks very nice. Claussen reported that people are getting better at tarping their loads, there were 143 fees assessed in 2016 and only 29 for 2019. 2019 was a busy year again, with the PTF handling over 5,000 tons of material. The free Christmas tree disposal program is still going on until the end of the month, but has been slow this year. He stated that the facility will be open until 5pm every 3rd Thursday of the month starting in February.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There were none to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she had appeared on Chairman Koeppen’s radio show in December and that there was a lot of educational outreach on how to dispose of items during the

holiday season. There was some discussion on whether or not wrapping paper is acceptable and it was determined that the Waupaca Recycling Center attendants need more information on that topic. Sorenson reported that she has been working on a new curbside recycling flyer and hopes to do a bulk mail this winter or early spring.

- b. Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that she submitted final reports for hazardous waste and drug take back programs and that the grant reimbursement check should be here this week. She has begun working on the annual recycling grant report. Sorenson also reported that the holiday light recycling bin in the courthouse would remain up through January and has taken in quite a bit of lights for recycling.

Director Report: Francis had nothing to report that was not covered already.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting was scheduled for 10 February 2020 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Boyer, seconded by Bosquez to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director