

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – March 11th, 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 Joyce Boyer, Janet Lehrer, and Peter Bosquez; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Maryann Snider, Nancy Koeppen, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by McClone 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 January 14th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Plow for the PTF-Mobile: Francis stated that he had requested and received carry-over Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) money from the 2018 loader replacement to purchase a plow for the ¾ ton pickup at the PTF. Claussen explained the quotes listed below and recommended going with the Johnson quote due to its size and ease of installation and service. There was some discussion and questions about the various plows.

BRAND	SIZE	COST	DEALER
Boss VXT V Plow	8'2"	\$7,450	Clintonville Motors
Boss VXT V Plow	9'2"	\$6,965	Gary Johnson Sales
Western MVP3	8'6"	\$6,384	Casper Truck Equipment

Motion by McClone, seconded by Boyer to purchase the \$6,965 plow from Gary Johnson Sales as it is the best value and local installation and service will save time and money. Motion carried without a negative vote.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the cold, snow, and wind has kept customer visits low, but even on the worst days there were still customers. The low activity levels has allowed them to focus on safety training and doing repairs and maintenance around the facility. He stated that the big project for this summer is paving and he will be working with the Highway Department to make that happen.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: Zaug reported that he attended the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference in Stevens Point and was reelected to the WCSWMA (Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Managers Association) Board. He attended several sessions and discussed some of the safety problems the industry was having. Lehrer also attended and said that many of the deaths in the industry were attributed to landfill operations and garbage collection. She asked for information regarding Waupaca County's safety program. Francis explained some of what the County is doing about safety training. Lehrer mentioned that it may be possible to get an intern to come in and do a study of any safety concerns there may be. Bosquez also attended the conference and reported that one session talked about a project that is using recycled plastics in a 3D printer to make artwork that will raise awareness of recycling and plastic disposal/reuse issues. He also talked about a session that looked at what the growing population and climate change will bring to the upper mid-west states. There was some discussion about water resources. Van Dyke was unhappy about how the conference was not addressing the underlying issues with plastics use and how we are suffocating in plastics. He requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to address how to deal with plastics and other issues in recycling. There was some discussion and it was determined that a group would be formed including the following members:

Ad Hoc Committee on Plastics

- Van Dyke
- Snider
- Boyer
- Lehrer
- Sorenson

Van Dyke also stated that we should contact Governor Evers to see if the funding for recycling programs from landfill tipping fees could be fully restored as it was re-directed a number of years back. He requested that Sorenson look into that and see what other Counties are doing about it.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that there were now revised PTF magnets, the “Burning News” and Yellow Program Flyer were both updated and will be put out in April shoppers guides. She contacted all the schools in the area to offer her help in recycling education, she has done two presentations already and more are to come. The Home Show went well, we had several visitors stopping to ask questions. For being a part of the Home Show we get free radio ads on WDUX which will be airing in April to advertise for our compost bins and HHW program.
- Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that she’s been working on the MRF Self-Certification, due March 30th and the Annual Report, due April 30th to the DNR. She stated that she met with the Village of Embarrass in February. They were considering going curbside and closing their drop off center. Sorenson explained what that would entail and gave them information on everything our program provides. Since the meeting the Village has decided that going curbside is too expensive and will continue to operate their drop off for the foreseeable future. Sorenson reported that the Recycling Municipal Tax Assessment was due March 1st and that the Towns of Little Wolf and Waupaca are the only municipalities who have yet to pay.

Director Report: Francis stated that he and Sorenson would be doing a report for the County Board meeting in March about solid waste and recycling. McClone requested that there be some sort of financial report handed out as well.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for April 8th, 2019 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director