

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2021

Waupaca County Courthouse – Room LL42

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 Sue Golding, and citizen members Maryann Snider, Nancy Koeppen and Jeff Dyer were present while citizen member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. 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 Boyer, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Repeal Waupaca County Code of Ordinances Chapter 18: Nuclear Waste Exploration Ordinance:

Francis explained that the County Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are working on cleaning up outdated and unneeded County ordinances. They recommended Chapter 18 for removal due to it being redundant with State Statutes that were put in place after the ordinance was created. He pointed out the materials that were provided in the packet show there is a State level Radioactive Waste Review Board that is in place to cover this subject area.

Van Dyke stated that the State is looking at nuclear power again. They also inadvertently lifted the moratorium on the idea of a nuclear waste dumping site in the state. He stated that it was possible that the State government would be less protective of our area than our local government officials would if it came down to having to pick a site for a waste dump. He recommended leaving the ordinance in place to further protect the County.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Lehrer to keep Chapter 18 – Nuclear Waste Exploration Ordinance – in place and in effect to provide a secondary layer of protection for the County.

Discussion covered issues ranging from if the ordinance would provide any protection to if a State level review board would have our best interests in mind. Zaug requested Sorenson talk to AROW President, Meleesa Johnson, about the issue, to see if other areas have similar protections in place. He then called for a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Hazwaste building capital project - Update: Claussen reported that the project was put out to bid this week with the intent of having proposals to review at the next meeting. Engineer Jeff Finger is working with the State to get the plans approved, this usually takes 4-6 weeks. The hope is to have the building in place by the end of November 2021.

Scale kiosk and skid-steer capital projects update: Claussen reported that the new skid-steer is working out great. He has been working with AWS, IT, and Bauer Electric to get the correct cables to the scale; frost under the asphalt was an issue earlier. The AWS programs are updated; there are two terminals at the PTF and one at the Courthouse all with current licenses and support contracts. They are working out some bugs but it appears to be running well.

Waupaca Area curbside recycling update: Sorenson reported that the Town of Farmington received approximately 66% of surveys back regarding curbside pickup. The Town Board has decided to table the discussion at this time. Sorenson attended the Town of Waupaca's meeting last Monday and they are still considering curbside service. They are working on getting more opinions from their residents and may possibly send out a survey. The City of Waupaca is the most "for sure" on going curbside beginning in January of 2022. They plan on putting out an RFP early this fall. No one is discussing leaving the MOU with the Recycling Center at this time. The Waupaca Recycling Center is having their semi-annual meeting on May 17, so the topic of curbside garbage/recycling pickup and the future of the recycling center will most likely be a discussion. Sorenson said that if she is unable to attend the meeting, another representative from the County would attend.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There was none to report.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the compost bins were due to come in April 15. The scale camera stopped working this winter. They have replaced it with a new one and all is working again. He stated it is getting very busy and they were running summer hours now.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that radio ads for illegal burning, composting, and compost bins have been or will soon be airing through our partnership with the DNR. She informed the board that she sent out a neighborhood-wide illegal burn warning/informational letter to a subdivision in the Town of Dayton that was reported to have several burn piles containing illegal materials. She also reported that the yellow news fliers went out in the Shoppers Guides last week.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that the Annual Report has been submitted to the DNR and that Waupaca County has diverted 2,477.62 tons of Table 1 materials and met all of the requirements for the grant funding. Sorenson reported that the Clean Sweep grant applications are due in May instead of September this year so she has begun working on that. The Appliance Round-up begins May 1-14 and the HHW program will start on May 3. She will be going on the WDUX morning show to promote both of those programs at the end of the month. Sorenson updated the board that the Town of Helvetia, who is a member of the Iola Area Recycling Center, passed a referendum during their election last week regarding curbside garbage and recycling pick-up being run through the township. She will be attending their May meeting to discuss what their next steps are.

Director Report: Francis talked about the Covid-19 clinics the County is running and said things appear to be going quite well. He also mentioned that Sorenson did a TV interview last week while he was out and asked her to talk about that. Sorenson stated that Fox 11 is doing a story on the Outagamie County landfill and had some questions as to why Waupaca County does not have a landfill and why we send some waste to Outagamie County's landfill. Sorenson contacted Roger Holman, the previous Solid Waste Director, to get some information and background, and felt the interview went well. She will report back to the board if the story airs.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director