

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – July 13th, 2020

Waupaca County Courthouse – Room LL42

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Supervisors Fred Zaug, Joe McClone, Joyce Boyer, Janet Lehrer, and Sue Golding. Citizen Members Jeff Dyer and Nancy Koeppen were present while Ken Van Dyke and Maryann Snider attended remotely. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Golding 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 June 8th, 2020 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Correspondence: Sorenson reported that she was contacted by Jane Haash requesting that the County purchase for rent a grinder that would allow drywall scraps to be spread on fields as a soil amendment. There was some discussion on what, if anything, the County should do. The consensus was that the County should not get involved directly, just refer people to the proper resources. Lehrer raised the question of if masks should be considered hazardous waste and handled in a special manner. The general feel was that most masks should run through as regular solid waste.

Capital Improvement Plan Approval: Francis and Claussen went through the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Plan with the Board. There was discussion on the various projects including a kiosk for the scale and new haz-waste addition in 2021. The staff will continue to plan on the future projects to further refine numbers for the years beyond 2021. Francis stated that only 5 years of the 10 year plan need to be sent to Finance – 2021-2025.

Motion by McClone, seconded by Lehrer to approve the 5-year capital plan and forward it on to Finance. Motion passed without a negative vote.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that Alter is open again, but the prices for scrap metals are very low. They are holding onto as much as possible hoping the price will rise. Aluminum cans are down to about \$0.20/lb. Otherwise, it is business as usual for the summer months – busy.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There were none to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she has someone from the company Recycle Coach reach out to her and explain some different programs they offer for educational resources on our website. It was decided that the cost of the programs did not make sense for our advertising budget. She is also doing another virtual program for the public libraries and working on other virtual educational ideas.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that the Town of Farmington and the City of Waupaca are considering going curbside for garbage and recycling. It is early stages, however this will probably have some impact on the Waupaca Recycling Center. Sorenson reported that the county recycled 138,403lbs of electronics over the last program year. She also reported that she had to issue one citation and two warning letters for illegal burns over the past month. Sorenson also went over some details of the Recycling budget to actual report.

Director Report: Francis went over some details of the budget to actual report with no real surprises to report. He reported on how the various departments are responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. This led to a short discussion on wearing masks and mandatory mask rules.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for August 10th, 2020 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 4:45 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director