

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – August 9th, 2021

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, Supervisors Joyce Boyer, Janet Lehrer and Sue Golding, and citizen members Nancy Koeppen and Jeff Dyer were present while Vice Chair Joe McClone and citizen member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis. Citizen member Maryann Snider was unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the July 12, 2021 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

2022 Solid Waste and Recycling budget worksheet review and approval: Francis handed out copies of the budget worksheet and went over the changes to the Solid Waste side of the budget. There was discussion about the increases to the Contracted Services line as well as how the Program Specialist position was going to be partially funded (1/3) by the Land and Water Department starting next year. There was discussion about how the changes would affect the County as a whole and what it would mean for the Solid Waste Department moving forward.

Sorenson walked through the changes to the Recycling side of the budget. The revenues for most of the materials marketed are expected to increase this year and into the next year (2022). She gave several examples of how much material prices have increased from a low point in 2020. There was some discussion.

Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Koeppen to approve the proposed budget as presented and pass it on to the Finance Committee for review. There was some discussion about the increases and how retirements and position changes would impact the 2022 budget. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Storm damage update: Claussen reported that the storm that went through a week ago caused lightening damage to the PTF including the network switch, kiosk switch, main office computer, camera hardware in office, and the scale display in the office. None of the load cells in the scale were damaged. It took about a week to get everything replaced and running. There have been about \$5,000 in bills related to the damage so far and not all the bills are in yet. There was talk about the insurance claim and deductibles, Francis explained that the County has a fund that is used to pay the deductible so that amount should not come out of the Solid Waste budget. Claussen stated that AWS (Advanced Weighing Systems, the company that we contract with to maintain the scale) has put in quite a few hours getting everything working again – this would have been very expensive but it was covered under the maintenance contract.

Fair Booth Schedule update: Sorenson stated what shifts have been filled by volunteers and what ones were available. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact the office soon.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: Zaug reported that he would be attending the WCSWMA Board of Directors meeting in Stevens Point on Friday the 13. There were no others to report.

Recycling Coordinator's Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she has a presentation at the New London Children's Garden this Thursday.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that the City of Waupaca put out an RFP for garbage service on August 5 and they will be awarding the contract on September 7. The WRRCC meeting is scheduled for September 20 and the RIC meeting is set for September 30. Sorenson stated that she submitted the E-Cycle report for the program year that runs June-July and that the County had recycled 138,990 lbs. of eligible electronics.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported he was working with Manpower to find a new line-sorting person again. The last person did not work out. He will be doing interviews soon. The volume of scrap metal and tires coming into the facility has decreased significantly from 2020 at this time.

Director Report: Francis stated that he attended a Zoom meeting put on by AROW about how the recycling grant amounts were calculated. It is very clunky system that has led to a very wide range of return on the dollars invested. They are discussing ways that the grant funding could be calculated more fairly and would appreciate input from anyone interested. He talked about the Telehandler breaking down at the PTF and how the Department will need to look into getting a more reliable unit when it is time to rotate that equipment out. He also mentioned that at the last Department Head meeting there was discussion about the latest Covid variants and how the numbers are rising in the area. He expects there will be further discussion on this and masking in the near future.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Golding to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director