

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – September 13th, 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 and Janet Lehrer, and citizen members Nancy Koeppen, Maryann Snider and Jeff Dyer were present while Vice Chair Joe McClone, Supervisor Sue Golding and 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 Golding 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 August 9, 2021 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Waupaca and Iola area curbside recycling update: Sorenson reported that due to Graichen being bought out by GFL (Green For Life), the City of Waupaca had decided to push back the awarding of their contract to their September 21 meeting, as Graichen had low bid. She believes that they will not be offering an “opt out” but will have to wait to see how the Council votes. The Town of Waupaca is also still pursuing going curbside but have not yet put out an RFP. The Waupaca Regional Recycling & Compositing Commission meeting is taking place next Monday, September 20 and Sorenson expects to get more information then. The other member municipalities are not considering going curbside at this time. The Town of Helvetia is still considering going curbside but they are in early stages as they are gathering more information to get an accurate quote from haulers.

September 30th RIC (Recycling Implementation Council) meeting: Sorenson stated that board and citizen members should have gotten a letter in the mail about the RIC meeting last week and that we need at least one member to attend. Zaug and Lehrer expressed interest in attending. Zaug gave the approval for more than one member to attend, as it would be beneficial to board members to learn more about the program and how the recycling assessment works. Sorenson stated that she is waiting for a few more payments to come in and then will determine the assessment. She believes that with current market pricing the assessment should be less than originally expected.

Graichen and GFL (Green For Life) update: Claussen updated the Board on the recent buyout/merger of Graichen Sanitation and how our department found out about it. There was discussion about who GFL is and what it might mean for our hauling contracts. He stated their local office is in De Pere, but they are headquartered in Canada and ranked as the fourth or fifth largest waste company in North America.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There were no meetings to report. There was some discussion about how the Fair Booth went this year.

Recycling Coordinator’s Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she has a presentation coming up in two weeks for the Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education, focusing on plastic. She also will be going on 92.7 The Lakes to promote the Tire Round-Up and the end of the HHW program.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that the Tire Round-Up is running October 1-14, and that she is almost finished with the Recycling Grant application.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the sort line was at full staffing for the first time in quite a while and the new contracted employee is working out well. The Tire Round-Up will be starting Oct. 1. He also stated that the Ag-Bag dumpsters have been full for some time, but they are unable to get ahold of the company to have them emptied. There was some discussion about the process and how it affects farmers. Claussen stated that the plastic could be sent to the landfill if needed.

Director Report: Francis talked about the transition plan for when Claussen retires in January of 2022. There was some discussion about timing and how operations will continue into the future.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 11, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm

Submitted by,

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