

**WAUPACA COUNTY  
RECYCLING IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Union Town Hall

Chair Behnke called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Chair Douglas Behnke, Vice-Chair Fred Zaug, Vance Knuth, Paula Pagel, Mary Trice, Jeff Oppor, Chuck Manske, Rich Beggs, Gerald Roen, Marcella Wentworth.

Also Present: Taylor Sorenson and John Francis.

Behnke gave the open meeting statement. Quorum was declared.

Motion by Pagel, seconded by Trice to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion by Knuth, seconded by Zaug to approve the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes with one correction. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Election of Chair:

- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Pagel to nominate Douglas Behnke for Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Manske to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Behnke as Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Election of Vice-Chair:

- Motion was made by Roen, seconded by Pagel to nominate Fred Zaug for Vice-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Oppor, seconded by Roen to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Zaug as Vice-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Wisconsin Recycling Law Review:

- Sorenson handed out the DNR list of materials banned from landfills and explained that all these materials must be reused, recycled, or composted. She also handed out a sheet showing who is involved with the Recycling Program and what role each plays.
- Knuth stated that there should be more information put out about what people can do to properly dispose of TVs as there have been many found in ditches lately costing the Townships lots of money. There was discussion about disposal options and it was stated that the likely cause of the TVs ending up in the ditches was the cost associated with proper disposal more so than the lack of information. If there are low cost options available, the County should get the word out to people.
- Trice asked about how local electronics recycling collection days happen and who pays for them. There was some discussion with Sorenson. The townships pay for those services, however it can be hard to find a reputable recycler who is properly disposing of the materials for a low cost.
- Manske asked what sort of enforcement is being done regarding recycling laws and stated that there does not appear to be state-wide efforts to educate the public on what to do. Sorenson explained that there are local differences to what can and cannot be recycled so the education portion is best done locally. She also talked about several recent enforcement issues, mostly due to illegal burning.

2018/2019 Program Year Results:

- Sorenson handed out information on the amounts of materials recycled and the expenses for the program in 2018. She explained how this information is used in applying for grant funding for the program. There was discussion about how programs in different areas operate.

#### 2020 Recycling Program Budget:

- Francis gave a brief explanation of the changes for the 2020 budget.

#### 2019 Estimated Municipal Assessment:

- Sorenson reported on the assessment that will be sent out to municipalities by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The amount for 2019 is projected to be \$79,510.
- Sorenson explained that the cost of assessment is due to current recycling markets along with the decreased grant fund from the state. She went over what materials have been down in price and how China's National Sword policy is still affecting recycling all over the Country. After speaking to other members in the recycling industry Sorenson believes it will be a few more years before the recycling markets rebound. She pointed out that there is a balance of \$45,547 dollars in the recycling designated fund, money from this fund can be used to offset the assessment.
- Discussion – How do we explain the increased recycling assessment:
  - Increase in the cost of transportation
  - Reduction in the value of recyclables
  - Increase in labor costs
- There was a discussion on the fund balance and how it should be used. There was talk about using \$10,000 or \$5,000 to offset the assessment for 2019.
- Motion by Knuth, seconded by Trice to use \$5,000 of the fund balance to reduce the 2019 assessment. Motion passed without a negative vote.

#### Member Municipality Updates:

- Manske talked about how the City of Clintonville is going to have to move the CAWS site within 4 years due to its proximity to the airport. He stated it will likely have to be moved to one of the local Townships as the City does not have a suitable property to move it to.
- Trice talked about the City of Waupaca site, stating that the pay by the bag program is working well. She also stated that the scrap metal bin on the site has helped bring in a fair amount of revenue for the site.
- There was discussion about the Iola site, everything appears to be functioning well.
- Roen talked about the Manawa site, said the pay by the bag program is going OK. Sturm Foods gives them all their aluminum cans and that has helped with the site's budget.
- Francis talked about the brush situation resulting from the July 20<sup>th</sup> storm damage as well a possible FEMA funding for disposal of that brush.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- There was discussion about the possibility of doing an RSVP for the next meeting as a quorum was barely achieved at this and the last meeting. It was decided that Sorenson should come up with something like that for the 2020 meeting.
- The next meeting will be called by the Solid Waste/Recycling Department in September of 2020.

Motion by Knuth, seconded by Pagel to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,  
John D. Francis, Solid Waste Director