

**WAUPACA COUNTY
RECYCLING IMPLEMENTAION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

September 20th, 2018
Union Town Hall

Chair Prochnow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Les Prochnow, Fred Zaug, Evan Abrahamson, Rich Beggs, Chuck Manske, Leonard Oppor, Paula Pagel, Vance Knuth, Alice Brown, Craig R. Nelson, Gerald Roen, Gary Schoen, Douglas Behnke, Scott Hart, and Ken Van Dyke.

Also Present: Taylor Leach, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

Prochnow gave the open meeting statement. Quorum was declared.

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

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Zaug to approve the September 21st, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Election of Chair:

- Motion was made by Prochnow, seconded by Pagel to nominate Douglas Behnke for Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Schoen 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 Van Dyke, seconded by Knuth to nominate Fred Zaug for Vice-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Abrahamson, seconded by Brown to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Zaug as Vice-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Wisconsin Recycling Law Review:

- Leach handed out the WI 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. There were no questions.

2017/2018 Program Year Results:

- Leach handed out information on the amounts of materials recycled through the program for 2017 and explained how this information is used in applying for grant funding for the program. There were no questions.

2019 Recycling Program Budget:

- Francis gave a brief explanation of the changes for the 2019 budget.

2018 Estimated Municipal Assessment:

- Leach and Francis reported on the assessment that will be sent out to municipalities by October 1st. The amount for 2018 is projected to be \$74,148. Originally at the 2017 RIC it was estimated that the assessment for 2018 would be 58,148. Leach reported that the increase of the assessment is due to a

shortage of revenue for the sale of recyclables. She explained that this is due to the current market conditions and explained how China's National Sword has affected not only Waupaca County but programs all over the Country. They pointed out that there was a balance of about \$56,700 in the recycling designated fund and explained that this money could be used to offset the assessment. There was discussion about how much buffer should be left in the recycling fund for cushion in bad years. It was determined that there should be at least \$30,000 left in the fund after the 2018 assessment. Leach explained the impact of various different scenarios in regards to using fund balance to offset the assessment for this year.

- Pagel asked if there was anything that could be done to close the gap for next year. There was discussion about what has been happening and some possible ideas to pursue in the future.
- Manske asked if there was any work being done locally to develop markets for the materials that are hard to sell. Knuth relayed that it could be possible to turn mixed paper into fuel pellets. This will be looked into.
- Leach talked about the marketing of glass as it now costs more to ship than it is worth. Faulks Brothers is purchasing the materials now from the sites at a low cost per ton, but does not charge shipping so the bottom line is better.
- Motion was made by Knuth, seconded by Roen to use \$15,000 of the Recycling Fund balance to offset the assessment to reflect about a \$1.43 cost per capita for 2018. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Member Municipality Updates:

- Prochnow started a discussion about the quality of service at the various sites. All reports were very positive. There was discussion about the pay by the bag program in Manawa – it is gaining traction and use is picking up.
- Schoen reported that the Symco Threshere has a farmer that picks up all of their mixed paper and cardboard and uses it for bedding. It saves the group time and effort as they do not have to handle the material.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Pagel to allow a meeting to be called at any time if needed. Motion passed without a negative vote.
- The next meeting will be called by the Solid Waste/Recycling Department in September of 2019.

Zaug thanked Prochnow for his years of service as the Chairman of the RIC.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis
Solid Waste Director