

## WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2021 Waupaca County Courthouse – Room 1068

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

**Roll Call:** Chair Fred Zaug, Vice Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Susan Golding, Joyce Boyer and Janet Lehrer, and citizen members Maryann Snider and Jeff Dyer were present while citizen member Nancy Koeppen attended remotely. Others present: Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis. Citizen member Ken Van Dyke was absent.

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by McClone, seconded by Golding to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

**PTF rates for 2022:** Sorenson handed out two pages of spreadsheets showing the costs and revenue margins for hauling materials to the landfill, the relationship between landfill tipping fees and our tipping fees, and a rate comparison with surrounding Counties. There was discussion about how much the landfill tipping fee is going to increase for 2022 (\$7/ton - \$46/ton to \$53/ton) and how the trucking cost is going to increase mid 2022 as laid out in the hauling contract. Sorenson had several options laid out on the spreadsheet showing how our costs would change based on keeping our tipping fees the same, raising to \$90/ton, raising to \$92/ton, or raising to \$95/ton. There was discussion on how increasing rates may affect the users of the PTF. There was also discussion about raising the minimum tipping fee from \$15 to \$20 – most surrounding counties have minimum fees that are \$20 or more. With the increased minimum fee, the cut-off weight would be 400 lbs. vs. the current 340 lbs. There was discussion about how customers bringing in less than the threshold weight affects the bottom line for the County. McClone suggested there should be a sign located at the PTF office explaining the increases.

Motion by McClone, seconded by Lehrer to raise the tipping fee from \$85/ton to \$92/ton to reflect the landfill tipping fee increase as well as to raise the minimum charge from \$15 to \$20. These changes would take effect January 1, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Sorenson then talked about the cost to dispose of tires increasing for 2022. The current costs to bring tires to the PTF are as follows \$6/tire, \$12/tire with rim, or \$280/ton. Sorenson suggested we increase our prices to mirror our increasing disposal costs. The prices for 2022 would be \$7/tire, \$14/tire with rim, or \$310/ton. There was some discussion and it was agreed that should be the new price structure.

**Waupaca area curbside recycling update:** Sorenson reported that the City of Waupaca has awarded their contract to GFL, formerly known as Graichen Sanitation, with the rates that Graichen had bid, not GFL. The service will start in January of 2022 and the contract is for 5 years. The Town of Waupaca and the Town of Lind are still investigating curbside service at this time. Sorenson stated that if all three municipalities have curbside service it will affect the tonnage of recyclables brought in as well as the budget for the Waupaca Regional Recycling and Composting Center (WRRCC). McClone talked about the impact of multiple large garbage trucks on the road system.

**Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports:** Sorenson discussed the RIC meeting, which took place on Thursday, September 30. Due to recycling markets doing better than expected, the assessment for 2021 is much lower than anticipated. The council decided against using any money from their fund balance and kept the assessment at approximately \$1.32 per capita or a total of \$54,669. Lehrer stated she was surprised so few people attended the meeting when the assessment charged will affect their areas of responsibility (Towns, Villages, etc...). She also stated it would be nice to have a list of who was representing what areas during the meeting. Zaug stated that he talked with Les Prochnow at the meeting. Prochnow has stepped down as Chair for the Town of Lebanon, but has still been elected to Chair the Manawa Area Recycling Center board. Zaug also stated that Doug Behnke from Town of Bear Creek was elected as Chair of the RIC again.

**Recycling Coordinator's Report:**

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she did a presentation for the UW Extension Home & Community Education group on plastic pollution and potential solutions that went really well and had a great turnout. She also has a presentation for WLC 4<sup>th</sup> graders later this month.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson had nothing else to report.

**PTF Supervisor Update:** Claussen reported that Much Construction started on construction of the PTF hazardous waste addition today. He stated that Graichen Sanitation had brought in 344 tons of material to the PTF since January of this year and that after GFL took over on September 1, they have already brought in 167 tons – this is a big increase in volume and is making it hard to keep up. He intends to work with GFL to see if the turn-around time on loads to the landfill could be shortened to be able to maintain compliance with the 24-hour rule. There was also a short discussion on the volume based tipping fee structure that will be brought up at the next meeting to clarify what it is and if it should be offered in the future. Claussen reported that the DNR was out to the facility for inspection of the transfer station and the compost pile. He stated that overall, the inspection went well but there are some changes needed to how the compost pile is managed to be in compliance. He has not received the final report yet but expects it back soon.

**Director Report:** Francis had nothing additional to report.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 8, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm

Submitted by,

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