

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – October 12th, 2020

Waupaca County Courthouse – Room LL42

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Boyer, seconded by McClone to approve the September 14th, 2020 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment/Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment, Van Dyke stated that he visited the PTF last week and never saw it in better shape. He complimented the staff on their efforts to keep the facility looking and working good. Koeppen stated she was there recently and had the same impression.

2020 Recycling Implementation Council Meeting Update: Sorenson reported on the meeting, there was no discussion of any municipalities leaving the program at this time. The Council voted to use \$10,000 out of the fund balance to bring the assessment down to \$81,734, which would make the per capita cost approximately \$1.97. A letter went out to all of the participating municipalities at the end of September and an invoice will be sent out in January. Van Dyke and Golding were both in attendance as well to represent the board.

2021 Pricing Updates: Sorenson passed out a spreadsheet and explained the increased costs for solid waste, tires, and fluorescent tube disposal and the price increases needed at the PTF for 2021. Motion by Lehrer seconded by Koeppen to approve pricing changes as presented

Covid-19: Update on County response to recent orders: Francis reported on the progress of a temporary telework policy that is to be reviewed by HR Committee then Finance this week. The intent is to allow departments to use flex scheduling and some remote working to hopefully allow mandatory services to continue without interruption. Larger departments could compartmentalize their employees to limit exposure should one employee become infected. There was discussion on what the policy covered, but most Supervisors present had not had the chance to see the draft policy. There was a question of when it would come to County Board for approval to which Francis stated it was his understanding that it would be finalized at the Finance Committee level and if approved it would be in effect at that time. Francis and Claussen talked about what the Solid Waste Department is doing to prevent the spread among employees and stated that there was not enough staff to do any sort of A/B scheduling. The PTF staff is already stretched thin to cover a 6-day schedule while limiting overtime hours.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: Golding stated that she attended the RIC (Recycling Implementation Council) meeting in September and found it interesting and was glad she attended.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that he purchased an IR thermometer to check employee temperatures each morning before they start work. He has been reminding staff about proper mask usage. He reported that the tele-handler had a flat tire last week. These are foam filled tires that are not supposed to get flats. They are past warranty so there is no support there. Francis put some pictures up to show what it looked like. Highway Department ordered a new tire for us and will be putting it on as soon as it arrives. Staff will have to be careful not to run over nails, as this tire will have air in it. Options were discussed for replacing all

the tires with a set of Setco tires that are solid rubber with holes molded in to provide some flex. These tires are expensive but usually last longer than several loaders. Claussen recommended that Foam Filled tires never be purchased again for the loader being used in that situation. Francis explained the options of doing a 2021 budget amendment or applying for contingency funding, the consensus being that contingency funds should be applied for as soon as possible. Claussen finished up by stating the concrete slab for the metal dumpster has been completed.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson passed out updated color PTF brochures. She explained the cost to print is more expensive, but there is plenty of room in the budget to do so. Sorenson reported that she did a virtual presentation for WLC 4th graders that seemed to be well received by the teacher and that she plans to offer more of this style of presentation to educators.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson gave updates on the Town of Farmington curbside meeting that took place on September 16th. She explained that the meeting was informational and that no action has been taken. If the Town decides to go curbside for garbage and recycling pick up, they have stated they wouldn't do so until 2022 and would still be interested in being a member of the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Compost Center (WRRCC). Sorenson also updated the board on the WRRCC meeting which took place on September 21st. The City of Waupaca is also interested in going curbside for garbage and recycling pick up beginning in 2022. They also are not planning on leaving the recycling center. Sorenson stressed to the committee that it is important to keep the County in the loop as WRRCC has the largest amount of recyclable material brought into the PTF. Sorenson reported that the Annual Recycling Grant application and the Clean Sweep Grant applications have been submitted. She also mentioned that the tire round up will be finished after Wednesday, 10/14/2020 and that our plastic shipment will finally be picked up tomorrow, 10/13/2020.

Director Report: Francis had nothing to add that was not covered already.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was scheduled for November 9th, 2020 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Dyer to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director