

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – November 11th, 2019 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, Vice-Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Janet Lehrer and Peter Bosquez; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Nancy Koeppen, Maryann Snider, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen and John Francis. Supervisor Joyce Boyer was unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Koeppen to approve the October 14th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Plastic Recycling Concerns – Discussion and Future Action: Zaug complimented Van Dyke on his work with this issue. Van Dyke stated that he is still gathering information and thanked Sorenson for her assistance with this effort. He stated he is still working on the final details for the letter that will go out and he read from a draft of the letter, mentioning that there was more to add yet. There was discussion about the letter. Discussion followed about plastic alternatives, costs, and their effects on the world and the critters living in it. Van Dyke stated that his contact with Representative Shankland's office suggested that now would not be a good time to move forward with a bill on plastics as it was very unlikely to pass or even be considered. He suggested that Sorenson should start educating the public on the perils of plastics during the wait. There was more discussion on ways to reduce the use of plastics and how to get people to recycle more, including deposits, etc...

2019 Budget – Progress Report: Francis handed out a copy of the budget to actual report for 2019 up to the end of October and walked through any lines that stood out to him. There was discussion about how things were going and where the increased costs of operating were coming from. Claussen talked about the residual trash that comes from the sorting of recyclable materials and its impact on the bottom line of the Solid Waste side of the budget. Francis stated that he and Claussen would look into the cost increases and report at a future meeting.

2020 Budget – Update on Process, Discussion: Francis stated that this item was added to the agenda to allow people to ask about the budget if there were any questions. There was none.

2020 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference – Discussion and Future Action: Sorenson talked about the upcoming conference and went over registration options. She stated how much funding was available for sending people and requested that Board Members get back to her if they were interested in going so she can plan for registration and lodging. There was discussion and the topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that winter appears to have arrived early. They have been working on cleaning out the drainage ditches around the facility to ensure water has a place to go. They have used about half the pile of grindings left over from the paving project to expand and improve the gravel parking lot near the Parks shop. They will continue to use the materials to improve the areas where the brush is piled and other similar areas. He reported that Solid Waste tonnages are up 330 tons vs. last year at this time. There have also been 400+ more transactions in that same time period. It has been busy!

Meetings/Conferences Attended: There were none to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she has done some presentations both at high schools and elementary schools recently. Sorenson reported that America Recycles Day is November 15th, to celebrate she put up an informational display in the Courthouse Lobby and is participating in a social media campaign led by AROW on multifamily recycling for the Facebook page.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that she has been working on contracts for both our tire and electronic vendors. The tire pricing for 2020 will remain the same. Sorenson also has been working on the Hazardous Waste and Medication final reports for 2019. She reported that in 2019 we had 159 customers use our HHW facility who brought in 7,485lbs of waste.

Director Report: Francis talked about the Scale Attendant position and the projected start date.

Upcoming Meetings: It was decided that there would be **no December meeting** unless there is an urgent need for one. The next regularly scheduled meeting was scheduled for 13 January 2020 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm

Submitted by,

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Parks and Solid Waste Director