

**WAUPACA COUNTY  
RECYCLING IMPLEMENTAION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

30 September, 2021  
Manawa Municipal Building

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

Present: Chair Douglas Behnke (T. Bear Creek), Fred Zaug (County Solid Waste), Gerald Roen (T. Royalton), Marcella Wentworth (T. Union), Jim Biddison (T. Weyauwega), Vance Knuth (T. Caledonia), Les Prochnow (Manawa Area Recycling Center), Cal Preuss (T. Helvetia), Alice Brown (C. Manawa), Janet Lehrer (County Solid Waste), Scott Purchatzke (C. Waupaca), and Mary Trice (T. Waupaca).

Present via Zoom: Mark Jensen (T. Farmington) and Ben Huber (C. Clintonville)

Also Present: Taylor Sorenson and John Francis with Waupaca County Solid Waste and Recycling Department.

Behnke gave the open meeting statement. Quorum was declared.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Prochnow to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Roen to approve the September 17, 2020 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Election of Chair:

- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Huber to nominate Douglas Behnke for Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Wentworth 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 Biddison, seconded by Prochnow to nominate Gerald Roen for Vice-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.
- Motion was made by Knuth, seconded by Prochnow to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Roen 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.

2020/2021 Program Year Results:

- Sorenson handed out information on the amounts of materials recycled and the expenses for the program in 2020. She explained how this information is used in applying for grant funding for the program. She explained how this information is used in applying for grant funding for the program. There was discussion about the Outagamie County landfill and how long it will remain open. There was also some discussion on the differences in cost per capita for municipalities operating a curbside program versus using a recycling center.

2022 Recycling Program Budget:

- Sorenson gave a brief overview of the budget for 2022 and explained why she budgeted revenues to be less than what they are expecting for 2021.

2021 Estimated Municipal Assessment:

- Sorenson reported on the assessment that will be sent out to municipalities by October 4. The amount for 2021 is projected to be \$54,669

- Sorenson explained that the assessment is actually \$42,546 less than what it was originally projected to be due to unusually good markets. She believes that markets may be doing so well for recycled goods due to the shortage of goods around the world currently.
- There was discussion about the fund balance (currently \$77,982.99) and if it should be used, how much. Sorenson prepared spreadsheets so that the group could see what the per capita impact would be if they used nothing, \$5,000 or \$10,000 from the fund balance.
- Motion by Roen, seconded by Zaug to use \$5,000 of the fund balance to lower the assessment. There was more discussion about how the fund balance came to be and has been used in the past. Sorenson explained that the cost per capita for 2020 was \$1.9721 after the committee had voted to use \$10,000 from the fund balance and with no fund balance used it would be \$1.3250 for 2021. There was more discussion. Motion failed without a positive vote.
- Motion by Prochnow, seconded by Knuth to approve the projected \$54,669.00 assessment as presented without using any fund balance. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Member Municipality Updates:

- Sorenson talked about GFL (Green For Life) purchasing Graichen Sanitation. There was discussion about what that would mean for the various municipalities that contract with Graichen for services.
- Behnke reported that the Town of Bear Creek renewed their contract with Graichen for recycling pickup and that they went to carts. The move has been a positive one for most people and it saves the Town some money.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next meeting was scheduled for 15 September 2022.

Motion by Zaug to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis  
Solid Waste Director