

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 8 May 2023
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room 1068

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

Roll Call: Vice-Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Sue Golding, Scott Purchatzke and John Miller, Citizen Members Lois Bressette and Jeff Dyer were present while Citizen Members Maryann Snider and Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Staff members Joe Barden and John Francis were also present. Chair Fred Zaug was unable to attend.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Purchatzke to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Golding, seconded by Purchatzke to approve the 10 April 2023 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Forklift Bid Results – Review and award:

Bid Opening Results for PTF Forklift - 5 May 2023

Company	Make/Model	Unit Cost	Trade-in Value	Final Cost	Estimated Delivery
Octane Forklifts	Octane 50	44,807.00	8,000.00	36,807.00	180-210 Days
Conger Toyota Lift	Clark / S25	51,683.00	9,800.00	42,063.00	58 Weeks

Francis reported the results of the bid opening and talked about the two bids that were received. The low bid was from Octane Forklifts. Francis and Barden said they researched the company because they had not heard of the brand – it is out of Denver Colorado and has been making forklifts for 20+ years. They were unable to find any dealerships in Wisconsin; they appear to only sell from the Denver location. Francis tried calling the Company and sent them an email but did not get a response. This raises concerns about service and parts availability. They talked about the Clark forklift bid also stating that it would meet the specifications and that bidder has dealerships in Green Bay, Wausau and a few other places so service would not be an issue. The main concern with this bid was the delivery date 58 weeks out.

There was discussion about the bids; some were concerned with the long wait for equipment. There was talk about different types of forklifts also. Van Dyke suggested that we should look into electric forklifts as it may save on repair costs. There was discussion about rebidding the forklift and asking for an electric option. Staff was directed to do some research on the different fuel options to see if requesting a diesel-powered forklift was the cause of the long delivery delay.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Dyer to reject all bids due to the long delivery delay and lack of local dealerships. The forklift will be rebid after researching electric options. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Solid waste hauling contract: Update on process: Francis stated that after providing GFL an updated version of our current hauling contract, they stated they wanted to provide their own contract. A paper copy was delivered about two weeks ago and a Word version of it was obtained about a week ago. Francis handed out

one page of the contract dealing with compensation to give the Board a sense of how the contract was written. It is very one-sided (toward GFL) and so written that it is hard to understand what we would be signing. He relayed the Word version of the contract to Corporation Counsel for review and there is very little of the contract that does not raise some issues for us. In the compensation portion, it is written as if GFL would be able to raise their prices for just about any reason at any time. How can we know what we will be paying for the next few years? There was a lot of discussion on what options the County has and what will be done if a contract cannot be agreed upon by August 1st (when the new contract is due to start.) Francis will be working with Corporation Counsel to see if a modified version of the GFL contract can be tolerated by the County, then accepted by GFL. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Capital projects update: Francis and Barden gave updates on the following projects:

- Back-up generator: Barden is waiting to hear back on a couple of quotes, so far there is a big range in price.
- Haz-Waste addition: Concrete apron should be going in soon. Waiting on heater to see if doing it ourselves makes sense.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports: McClone opened the floor to any reports, there was none.

Recycling Coordinator's Report: Francis reported that the interviews for the vacant position went well and there was a clear number one choice. The candidate is doing the required testing and we should find out how it went tomorrow. Hopefully, we will have someone on-board soon!

- a. Education Outreach:** Snider asked who will be doing the education sessions for the 8th graders that are visiting the Courthouse on May 19th. Francis stated that he had not been approached on this yet, but they will handle the situation.
- b. Program Updates:** There was nothing to report.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that the credit card system will be available soon, it is installed and staff is trying it out with a few customers for training, if all goes well, we will open card use to all customers soon. The household hazardous waste program has begun and appointments are being made.

Director Report: Francis stated he does not have anything to report that has not been covered already.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 12 June 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Waupaca County PTF.

Adjourn: Motion by Miller to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director