

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 13 June 2022
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 Sue Golding, Scott Purchatzke, and John Miller, Citizen Members Jeff Dyer and Maryann Snider were present while Citizen Member Nancy Koeppen attended remotely. Others present: Tim Miller and Jeff Graichen from GFL, staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden and John Francis. Citizen Member Ken Van Dyke was unable to attend.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Purchatzke, seconded by McClone to approve the 9 May 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

GFL “Energy Surcharge” request: Zaug invited GFL representative Tim Miller to speak about the GFL request to add a 10% fuel/energy surcharge to both the solid waste and the recycling hauling contracts. Tim Miller spoke about the price increases in fuel, labor and equipment maintenance. They are requesting the increase to help off-set the cost increases. Francis stated that there was a 3% increase built into the solid waste hauling contract due to take effect in July. There was discussion if the 10% increase was on top of the 3% that was already contracted in. It was determined that it was and that the total increase in July would be 13%. There was a question on how long the increase would be in effect – the GFL representative stated it would be through the end of the contract term (July 2023 for Solid Waste and December 2023 for Recycling). Tim Miller was asked what would happen if the price of fuel went back down to price levels of the recent past, would the 10% surcharge be removed? He responded that they would be happy to return to the Board and remove the surcharge if that was to happen. Tim Miller was asked to clarify what the 10% surcharge was applied to. The surcharge includes fuel, equipment and labor as it would be applied to the per-pull charge the County pays for each load hauled. There was discussion on how the price increase would affect the Solid Waste and Recycling budgets and if the tipping fees should be adjusted at the PTF.

Motion by John Miller, seconded by Purchatzke to accept the GFL request for a 10% energy surcharge to be applied to the solid waste and recycling hauling charges starting with the next billing cycle and running through the end of the contract periods. Motion passed with a majority vote with Supervisor McClone opposed.

Capital project list 2022-2033 – Review and approve: Francis handed out copies of the preliminary capital project list for Solid Waste and Recycling. He and Barden explained the various projects and answered questions on why some projects were moved around on the timeline. There was discussion on equipment rotations and various aspects of some projects.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Dyer to approve the proposed Solid Waste and Recycling capital improvement plan as presented. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Waupaca area curbside recycling update: Sorenson reported that she attended the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center (WRRCC) meeting last week Thursday and that there was a discussion of several of the member municipalities having curbside collection of garbage and recyclables. The City of Waupaca started curbside pick-up in January of 2022. The Town of Waupaca will begin collection on July 1st of 2022. The Town of Farmington and Lind are discussing the possibilities of curbside pick-up as well. Miller talked about what may happen if too many members of the drop-off center get out of the agreement. There was discussion about what may happen in the future to the Waupaca Recycling Center. The center's revenue was down over the first quarter. Purchatzke, who is also on the WRRCC board, stated that the Center decided to raise the PAYT bag tags from \$3.00 each to \$4.00 each to help offset some of this loss, the Center has not raised prices in over 5 years. Sorenson stated that while the garbage revenue was down at the site, the overall recycling commodities revenue has not been affected.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports:

- Zaug opened the floor to any reports, there were none.

Recycling Coordinator's Report:

- a. Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated that she has been working closer with Outagamie and Winnebago County Recycling Coordinators to combine efforts as most of Waupaca County's single stream recycling goes to their facility. She reported that this summer she has several garden compost presentations and will begin fair prep, next month she will have a sign-up sheet if any members are able to help staff our booth at the fair.
- b. Program Updates:** Sorenson reported that we have sold out of our second round of compost bins and that we won't have more until next spring. The DNR grant funding for 2022 was announced and Waupaca County will be receiving \$173,151.71 for the recycling program. There was discussion on what that grant is for and why we receive it. Sorenson also reported that she has been investigating a grant/funding with an organization called the Closed Loop Partners which would possibly give the PTF the opportunity to have a "mini MRF" meaning that we would be able to process single stream recycling at our facility. It's in very early stages but she's gathering more information to see if it's an opportunity that might work for the County. Snider asked if Ag plastics were still being recycled, they are, but pick up is limited unless you'd like to pay for a scheduled service.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that the new Operations Specialist at the PTF is going to get his 40 hour training on hazardous waste in July which will allow him to take household hazardous waste appointments on his own. He stated that the door to the recycling receiving area at the PTF was damaged by a hauler. The building and door will be repaired then the bill sent to the hauler. There is security camera footage of the incident.

Director Report: Francis stated that Kristy Harris is now retired and her replacement is doing well.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 11 July 2022 at 3:30 pm at the PTF to give new members a tour of the facility.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director

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