

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 13 March 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, Chair Fred Zaug, Citizen Members Ken Van Dyke and Maryann Snider attended remotely. Staff members Taylor Sorenson, Joe Barden, and John Francis were also present.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Dyer to approve the 13 February 2023 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Update on solid waste hauling contract bid process: Francis stated that the request for proposals (RFP) for the solid waste hauling contract went out that day. Details should be available on the County website and a letter was sent to interested parties, that staff is aware of, stating it is open for proposals. He explained the changes since the last contract stating that there are four landfill options listed now. There was discussion about how the process should work. Francis clarified the dates for each step in the process and that it was only for the solid waste hauling – the recycling hauling contract expires at the end of 2023 and will need to be proposed separately. Proposals will be due to the Solid Waste office by 7 April 2023 and brought to the Solid Waste Board for consideration at the next meeting (10 April 2023.)

Capital projects update: Francis went through the short list of capital projects for 2023 with he and Barden giving updates on each. See below:

- PTF Office Upgrades: This is nearly complete, expecting new cabinets and countertops for the front office near the end of March.
- Heater for the Haz-Waste area: PTF staff is exploring options for a hanging garage furnace and has talked to inspectors to be sure what goes into the space meets codes.
- Replacing 2009 Forklift: Prices have gone up since getting quotes, will be using the old one as a trade-in so we can afford a new one. This will be put out for bids soon. We also plan to sell the old electric forklifts and charger on Wisconsin Surplus this year sometime as they have very little trade-in value.
- Back-up generator: Barden is getting new quotes for this, would like to order soon.
- Concrete slab in front of Haz-Waste addition: Barden is waiting on another quote or two before we commit to a contractor.

Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC) – Report: McClone stated that he was unable to attend on Thursday due to very poor road conditions but that he did attend on Friday for some interesting sessions.

Sorenson attended the entire conference and gave the following report:

- She filled the board in on the Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association annual meeting that took place. They are co-hosting a conference on PFAS taking place on May 2nd, 2023, in Wausau. There was discussion on that and Zaug suggested Van Dyke should attend if he is able.
- Sorenson reported that at the AROW annual meeting, she was elected to the Board of Directors.
- She summarized the keynote speaker, Jasmine Crowe-Houston's presentation. Jasmine is the founder and CEO of Goodr, a sustainable waste management company that leverages technology to combat hunger and reduce food waste. Sorenson shared a video of the company.
- She spoke about one-track session that stood out to her, "Onboarding for Success." Sorenson hopes to use some tools she learned to create an "onboarding" packet for new solid waste management board members.

McClone spoke about a session where they spotlighted Land's End and their zero-waste efforts. He also talked about Newport MN and their efforts to achieve a 75% landfill diversion rate. They have installed sort lines to pull recoverable materials from the waste collected in the city. They pull 80,000lbs of aluminum cans out of the garbage each week. They also do some sort of waste to energy program as well. Sorenson stated that they also have a standard recycling program; they are working to divert 75% of the materials that would otherwise be sent to the landfill. McClone stated it was eye opening the amount of material that is recoverable from the waste stream.

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:

- Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that the yellow program flyer was delivered today and will go out in papers the first week of April. She also sent out a newsletter for the Town of Farmington's spring/summer newsletter and will have an article in the bi-monthly HR newsletter for compost bin sales and an Earth Day related challenge.
- Program Updates:** Sorenson reported she has submitted the annual MRF Self-Certification and is still waiting on a few more numbers before she can submit the Annual Recycling Report to the DNR. Sorenson shared that we will be getting our compost bins towards the end of April and will be selling 1-gallon stainless steel pails for people to collect food scraps in as well. Snider asked if WMS had been in touch for a presentation and Sorenson stated they had and it is tentatively scheduled for May 19th.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that it has been a bit slow at the PTF due to all the winter weather. They have caught up on equipment maintenance, the new loader is doing great, and the new counters for the front office are expected around the end of March.

Director Report: Francis reported that the Courthouse space-needs study people are supposed to meet with individual Departments around 6 April 2023, this will be the time for us to express our needs and concerns directly to them. He also mentioned that the Finance Department is having a study done to evaluate their operations for possible changes. Our money handling operations may be included in this review to see if there is a better/more efficient way to do business.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 10 April 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Waupaca County Courthouse – room 1068.

Adjourn: Motion by Van Dyke to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director