

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes – 10 October 2022

Waupaca County Courthouse – Lower Level Room 43

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 Scott Purchatzke, John Miller, and Sue Golding. Citizen Member Maryann Snider, Jeff Dyer, and Louis Bersette were present while Citizen Member Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Staff members Taylor Sorenson and Joe Barden were also present.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Miller, seconded by Snider to approve the 12 September 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote, Bersette abstained.

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

Review and update PTF rates/fees for 2023: Sorenson and Barden went through the 2022 PTF brochure and pointed out rates that would be increasing for 2023. They suggested increasing the rates for solid waste from \$92 per ton to \$95 to match the increase of the landfill. The board agreed that the increase made sense. Next, Sorenson presented the idea of adding a separate fee for mattresses and box springs of \$15 each. Portage County does something similar, as mattresses are so light and take up a lot of space in our semi. This extra fee would help us recoup some cost. There was discussion on how Outagamie County charges for mattresses and how it would work with the loads that have more than just mattresses.

Motion by McClone, seconded by Dyer to implement a separate \$15 charge per mattress and box spring beginning in 2023 that will be reviewed at the end of the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Next Sorenson discussed changes to our pricing for tires. Liberty Tires, our current vendor, will be increasing rates by \$60 per ton in 2023. With the issue of tires being disposed of in ditches becoming more prevalent Francis and Sorenson looked into other tire recyclers. Sorenson has been communicating with a recycler out of the Milwaukee area who may work that would only charge \$195/ton. Corporation Counsel reviewed our tire agreement with Liberty Tire. They stated that it would not go against our contract to have the Milwaukee company do a test load this month to see if loading their trailer would work for our operation. If they do not work we would still sign a contract with Liberty. There was discussion on whether or not we need to raise our rates for next year.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McClone to increase our per ton rate for tires to \$320 at a minimum, with the rate increasing if needed based on the tire recycler used. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Lastly, Sorenson presented that the household hazardous waste prices will be increasing by \$.10 per pound. Brown County Hazardous Waste, our vendor, has increased their rates and so we will need to do so to make sure that our charges and grant will cover our costs.

Recycling Implementation Council (RIC) meeting – Update on proceedings: Sorenson reported that the meeting went well and that the current fund balance was \$124,854.98, due to revenues doing very well in 2021 and expenses coming in lower than what was budgeted. The assessment for 2022 is projected to be \$44,687 and the committee voted to use \$15,000 from the fund balance to bring the assessment down to \$.71 per capita. A

letter went out to all of the member municipalities stating this with their projected costs. In January, an invoice will go out with the updated 2022 population and the payment will be due in March.

Snider commented that at the meeting she learned that you are not supposed to put your recyclables in plastic bags. There was some discussion on ways we can better educate the public of that rule. Bersette asked about the future of glass recycling, as in Michigan they are currently not recycling glass. Sorenson assured her that in Wisconsin it is required by state law and we have a local outlet in Waupaca that used our glass for sandblasting media.

2023 budget process update: Sorenson stated that there was nothing new to report. The budget will be presented later this month at County Board.

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

Recycling Coordinator's Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson stated that tire round up ends on Friday, she will be working on getting the PTF brochure updated and printed, and that Conservation Field Day went well.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson updated that at the WRRCC meeting that took place on 9/19, no member municipality was considering leaving the group at this time. The center has enough money in their budget to continue operating for at least another year without having to assess any of the member municipalities. The committee decided to close on Friday's from December-March to help reduce expenses. The town of Farmington will be reviewing their bids on Monday, October 17th for curbside service. Lastly, the recycling grant application for 2023 was submitted.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that it has started to slow down at the PTF. He updated on the progress of the renovation, the ceiling is completed, painting is done, and the flooring has been removed. During the removal process there were concerns that some of the tile contained asbestos, but testing was done, and it fortunately was not asbestos containing. The contractor is hoping to have everything finished soon. Barden stated that several staff members, including himself, deer hunt and were hoping to have off for opening day of gun hunting. He asked the board if they would consider shutting down the PTF for that day. Barden looked at previous opening days and the number of transactions and it is typically not a very busy day. There was some discussion.

Motion by McClone seconded by Miller to close the PTF opening day of gun hunting, November, 19 2022.
Motion carried without a negative vote.

Director Report: No report as Francis was not present.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 14 November 2022 at 3:30 pm at the Waupaca County Courthouse – room 1068.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm

Submitted by,

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