



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

MINUTES

Members Present: Dan North, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Pete Olson, Lynn Peterson, Terry Skaar, Steve Johnson, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle

Others Present: Ray Zeman, Jeff French, Jodi Busch, Louie Okey, Brent Bohn, John Muench, Jon Snyder - Republic Services

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Public meeting notification was provided by French confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items): French notified the board that he has requested support from Wisconsin State Senator Kathy Bernier with regard to the pending legislation to fix the inequality to Wisconsin Act 301 from 2013.

French updated the Board on the great work Foth is doing with regard to assisting in the finalization of the air permit.

Motion: (Hanson/Skaar) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: (Gores/North) to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021. Carried.

2020 Financial Update: Busch presented drafts of the 2020 Year-End Financials for Recycling and Waste to Energy Funds. Recycling shows a net gain of \$105,576 with cash available as of 12/31/20 of \$835,310. Waste to Energy will still have adjustments but currently shows a slight deficit of \$2,402 but an increase of cash on hand of \$130,721, bringing cash balances up to \$936,349.

Eagle Waste and Recycling - Republic Services - Jon Snyder with Republic Services was present to provide information and a proposal to have the County send recyclables to the transfer station at the Lake Area Landfill for a rate of \$56.32/ton. Discussion. **Motion:** (Hanson/Rogers) to direct staff to review costs and continue working with Snyder, who will develop a contract for the May meeting. Carried.

Waterman Sanitation Auger Shredder – Rate Adjustment: Discussion. **Motion:** (Olson/Skarr) to allow WTE Director authority to negotiate a contract for a special waste stream from Waterman

Sanitation for delivery to the WTE Plant when the plant is not diverting or bypassing the normal waste stream. Carried. Future update to the Board with no further Board approval necessary.

Memorandum of Understanding with Municipalities for Manned Sites: The MOU has been developed. **Motion:** (Gores/Hanson) to approve. Carried.

Return on Investment for Turbine / Boiler Repairs: Bohn and Zeman presented comparisons of project and downtime costs for Boiler 1 & Boiler 2 repairs. Including down time, there was a cost difference between the projects of \$8,124.95. Return of Investment is conservatively estimated at an increase of \$32,000/year.

With repairs to the Back Pressure Turbine Generator (BPTG), it is estimated that there will be an annual increase in revenue of \$49,000/year.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Ash Uses – Mitigating PFAS - Zeman is working with Eric Leitz and the DNR to conduct a four-phased test to determine if PFAS is in the ash. Depending on the outcome, we may not need to report PFAS to the DNR. Leitz is working to get us a proposal.
- Insurance Risk Assessment Inspection: Zeman has notified HSB that the mandated boiler repairs have been completed in the hope that it will reduce our insurance rates.
- Tire Waste Options: Zeman is negotiating with Liberty Tire from Auburndale, WI to send tires their way when we have an in flux.
- Water Treatment System - The new water treatment system is up and running. The project grew from what was originally planned. Total cost is approximately \$260,000 but it is running much more efficiently than the old system and has an estimated 6 year payback in chemicals alone. Other savings will be realized in water disposal. A tour of the system is planned at the May meeting.

There were no questions or comments on the voucher edit lists.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: recycling; water treatment system tour; Waterman Sanitation Auger Shredder Agreement

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Waste to Energy Facility.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Busch, Finance Director