



# Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151  
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

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## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Jim Gores, Bob Heil, Steve Johnson, Terry Skaar, Lynn Peterson, Bob Rogers

**Others Present:** Jeff French, Brent Bohn, Andy Hanson, Wendy Coleman, John Muench, Bob Zientara

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order by Vice Chair Gores at 10:00 a.m.

French provided the public meeting notification confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

**Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items):** French made note of Wisconsin laws relating to charging electric vehicles and possible opportunities for the Waste to Energy facility.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**Motion:** (Skaar / Rogers) to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022. Carried

**Tipping Fee Increase:** Bohn requested that the Board consider an increase to the tipping fee effective 1/1/23. The last increase was 1/1/2020. Discussion. **Motion:** (Peterson / Heil) to raise tipping fee to \$75 for in county waste and no change for out of county waste effective 1/1/2023. Carried

**Flow Control Ordinance:** Flow control ordinance will expire in June of 2023. Staff are starting to review the requirements and timeline for extension to the flow control ordinance. This will be a future agenda item.

### Staff Reports & Updates

- **Water Treatment System Cost Analysis:** Bohn provided information on the cost of the treatment system and the cost savings being realized since the installation of the system. The system is saving approximately \$50,000 per year.
- **DNR FCE & Cylinder Gas Audit:** Full Compliance Evaluation was recently completed. A cylinder gas audit was missed in one quarter last year. A corrective action plan was submitted. No further action is expected.
- **#1 Primary Chamber Repairs:** Photos of the recent repairs were reviewed. Repairs were completed in 14 days and the unit is running well.



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- Condensing Steam Turbine Generator Rebuild: Turbine has been removed and some potential issues were identified. Repair costs have increased due to bearings needing repair. Generator expected to be back in operation in about 10 days.
- Acid Gas Removal System Update: Bohn continues to work with Foth to develop the request for proposal (RFP) for the acid gas removal system with a draft expected in a couple of weeks.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Bohn identified a couple of expenditures on the edit list that do not belong to Waste to Energy or Recycling. These vouchers were likely included in the batch from another department and staff will follow up.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: flow control ordinance

Set Date for Next Meeting: April 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Matco Industries, LLC Non-Binding Expression of Interest to Purchase Waste to Energy & Recycling Center: French gave an update on a proposal that was received to buy the facility in the amount of \$650,000. **Motion:** (Rogers / Peterson) to decline the offer. Carried

**Motion:** (Rogers / Johnson) to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Carried

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

*Minutes are not official until approved by the Solid Waste Management Board at their next meeting.*