



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Heil, Bob Rogers, Burnell Hanson, Terry Skaar, Dan North, Bill Schradle, Jim Gores, Pete Olson

Virtual Attendance: None

Other Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, Brent Bohn, Andy Hanson, Bob Zientara (Newshield)

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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

There were no special matters or announcements.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: (Gores / North) to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022 as presented. Carried

Olson arrived at 10:03 a.m.

2022 Financial Update: Busch reviewed the Recycling fund financials through November. There are no concerns with the Recycling fund. Waste to Energy fund financials were reviewed through November. The Waste to Energy fund currently has an operating income and looks strong going into the end of the year.

Stack Testing Methodology: Bohn reviewed a handout going over the 2022 stack test regarding the Dibenz(a,h)anthracene and Benzo(a)pyrene testing levels and the DNR testing limits. Wisconsin is the only State requiring this testing and it is not required by the EPA. Discussed options to retest or choose to follow LAER (lowest achievable emission rate). Staff are working with Foth Engineering and the DNR on the best option moving forward. Discussion. **Motion:** (Gores / Skaar) to direct staff to work with Foth and the DNR to develop a plan to move forward. Carried

Xcel Energy Power Purchase Agreement: Bohn gave an update on the negotiations and the new one-year agreement that went into effect on 1-1-2023. Discussion.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Ash Testing for Further Uses – University of Illinois: Bohn gave an update on the testing study that began about a year ago. Their initial report is promising for potential uses of the ash in concrete in the future.
- Acid Gas Removal System Progress Update: Bohn is working with Air Clean Energy on finalizing the contract for the project. Performance bond is currently the sticking point which was not in the initial RFP. Bohn will work with French and Muench prior to finalizing the contract.
- Hydroponics Study: No new information at this time. Item will be brought back if we are contacted in the future.
- Flow Control Ordinance: Bohn submitted the request to extend the flow control ordinance. Waiting to hear back from DNR.
- Methane Gas – India Landfills: French reviewed a recent article regarding levels of methane which are far higher than the United States.
- State Trust Fund Loan - Documents have been submitted and payment should be coming soon.

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

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: testing methodology, acid gas removal project update

Set Date for Next Meeting: February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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