



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, Brent Bohn, Ray Zeman

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

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

Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items): None

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

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Gores / Skaar) to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023. Carried

2022 Financial Update: Busch reviewed the preliminary financials through December however these are not year end numbers. Recycling fund is in good shape and cash is up from 2021. Waste to Energy Fund revenues are up slightly from last year and expenditures are up overall. Currently showing an operating loss but there are additional transfers that will occur prior to the closing of the 2022 books.

Write Off Delinquent Account – Energy Performance Remodels, LLC (\$16,222.42): Bohn provided information on the delinquent account with an uncollectible balance of \$16,222.42. There has been no activity on the account since 2020. A judgment has been filed. **Motion:** (Olson / Hanson) to write off the delinquent account for Energy Performance Remodels, LLC in the amount of \$16,222.42. Carried following discussion on account set-up, interest and debt collection options. Staff will look into debt collection options.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Stack Test (Retest): Staff have been working with Foth, the testing lab and the DNR regarding the testing requirements with little result. Bohn is recommending to retest based on the DNR criteria, review the data on these compounds and work to establish new benchmark numbers.
- Back-Pressure Steam Turbine Generator (BSTG) Replacement: Turbine was rebuilt and has been in storage waiting for install. Installation is underway and should see an increase in power once it is online.

- Incinerator Operator Training Course: Barron County will host the annual training June 5th – 9th.
- Acid Gas Removal System Project Update: Construction contract for the project is still under review but moving forward. Timeline may need to be adjusted if the contract is not finalized by end of March.
- Video by Rice Lake Cable Commission: A video on the plant will be developed and filmed in the spring.
- EECBG Grant: French is working with West Central WI Regional Planning to look into a grant option to assist with funding of the acid gas removal system.
- Flow Control Extension: Bohn has sent the DNR a letter requesting to extend the Flow Control Ordinance and now needs to respond to their questions. Discussion.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Discussed expenditure for pump replacement parts.

Bohn requested to attend Smoke School training. Consensus is that it is allowable within the budget and no Board approval is necessary.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: flow control, acid gas removal system update

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

Motion: (Olson / Hanson) to adjourn at 10:59 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.