



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Terry Skaar

Others Present: Jeff French, Brent Bohn, Andy Hanson, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, Louie Okey, John Muench

Virtual Attendance: None

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

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

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

Motion: (Olson / Rogers) to approve the agenda. Carried

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Gores / North) to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023. Carried

2022 Financial Update: Busch reviewed financials for Recycling and Waste to Energy through March. No concerns with Recycling fund. Waste to Energy has a positive net position for the first quarter and there are no concerns at this time.

Replacement of Recycling Baler and Infeed Conveyor: Andy Hanson provided information on replacement of the recycling baler and infeed conveyor. Quotes were received from Apex Equipment LLC in the amount of \$216,670 and Recovery Systems Company, Inc. in the amount of \$398,481 plus freight and installation. Apex may have a factory refurbished unit coming in the near future at a significantly reduced price. References for Apex were all positive.

Discussion. **Motion:** (Fowler / Hanson) to approve replacement of baler and infeed conveyor for an amount not to exceed \$180,000. Carried

Small Confidential Burn Fee: Bohn received feedback from the public regarding the cost of a confidential burn at \$50 even for smaller amounts. Discussion. Consensus of the Board to leave the current fee minimum at \$50 but to communicate the fee better in the future.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Federal Direct Grant: French applied for a federal direct grant for the acid gas removal system. Project funding has made it through the sub-committee and moving on to the committee level.
- Construction Permit Revision & Operation Permit: Construction permit and operation permits have been approved.
- State Debt Collection: Busch talked with Corporation Counsel but is still waiting on additional information regarding debt collection options.
- Stack Testing for PAH Compounds: Retest has been completed and information results show that operating well below the limits. Staff will work with DNR once final results are received.
- BSTG Turbine Repair: Bohn is waiting to hear on date for the repairs. Equipment will be removed and sent for repairs with down time expected to be about 2 weeks.
- Acid Gas Removal System: Paperwork has been approved and pending final signatures.
- Flow Control: Bohn has submitted responses to the DNR for the extension of flow control and waiting for response from the DNR. Bohn will request temporary extension while the DNR continues to review the application.
- 2023 WCA Conference: Staff will be attending the conference with a Waste to Energy booth again this year.
- Received update on manned recycling sites and staffing concerns at those sites.

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

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: recycling collection, waste storage and handling at the plant

Set Date for Next Meeting: June 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:01 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.