



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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

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

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

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

Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items): French reviewed an article on Republic Services quarterly profit.

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

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Gores / North) to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023. Carried

2023 Financial Update: Busch reviewed financials through July 2023. Recycling fund is currently showing a positive change in net position of \$389,636. Waste to Energy revenues are up with the exception of steam sales. Currently showing income of \$300,053 and positive cash flow.

Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts: Bohn requested to write-off accounts for Trash Panda in the amount of \$703.16 and All Service Roll Off in the amount of \$681.60. **Motion:** (Gores / Skaar) to write off the accounts. Discussion on the requirements to set up an account which now requires a social security number, driver's license number or FEIN. Motion carried.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Acid Gas Removal System: Bohn provided an update on the project. Groundbreaking for the project is projected for October. Wetland marking has been completed and the Highway Department will be extending the parking area to allow for continued traffic flow during construction.
- Bottom Ash Testing: Bohn working on submitting the required testing for the bottom ash and depending on the results will be talking with the DNR to eliminate some components for testing if not detected for a three year period.

- Dave Jones Retirement – 30 Years: Dave Jones will be retiring September 15th and has been instrumental in several large projects at the plant. Tyler Frisinger has been hired and starting this week.
- Potential Changes to NR 500 – NR 524 (Owner Financial Responsibility for WTE): Bohn provided an update on potential changes requiring owner financial assurance for site clean-up for landfills and waste to energy facilities. Will continue to monitor the changes and prepare to provide feedback during the public comment period.
- Probable Changes to NR 500, 502, 542 and 544 (Owner Financial Responsibility for Recycling): Bohn reported that owner financial responsibility assurance will be required in the near future but unsure of the amount of assurance at this time.
- Recycling Center Baler & Infeed Conveyor: Refurbished baler has been purchased, will be refurbished and should be onsite early 2024. Conveyor will be new and will arrive at the same time as the baler.
- Natural Gas Prices: Natural gas prices have been going up which could have a positive impact on steam sales for the upcoming year.

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

There were no suggestions for future agenda items noted.

Set Date for Next Meeting: August 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:52 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.