



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Jodi Busch, Brent Bohn, Wendy Coleman, Dave Jones

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

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

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

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

Public Comment: Bohn introduced Dave Jones who will be retiring in September after 30 years with Waste to Energy. His retirement party will be held on September 7th at the Waste to Energy conference room.

Motion: (Gores / North) approve the minutes of August 8, 2023. Carried

2024 Budget: Busch and Bohn reviewed the 2024 Recycling Fund budget. Proposed budget keeps the recycling surcharge the same as last year and includes replacement of the loader, truck and recycling boxes. Discussed concerns on the decrease in collection of recyclables over the past couple of years.

Busch presented 2024 Waste to Energy budget which includes a projected increase in revenues. Bohn reviewed factors affecting the proposed budget including natural gas prices affecting steam sales and the expected increase to 150 tons per day in June 2024. Discussed payments for acid gas removal system project.

Capital Projects for 2024 was reviewed. The new loader will be purchased with more versatile loader options and service plan.

Motion: (Olson / Fowler) to approve the 2024 Recycling and Waste to Energy budgets as presented. Carried

Staff Reports & Updates

- Acid Gas Removal System: System is under construction. Andy Hanson will be going to inspect the system in Georgia prior to delivery. The Highway Department will be doing some modifications to the parking/road behind the plant to allow for better traffic flow during construction of the system.
- Bottom Ash Testing: Have not received the tests results back at this time.
- New Hire – Tyler Frisinger, Maintenance Mechanic: Tyler Frisinger has been hired to replace Dave Jones.
- SO2 Analyzer Failure 8-15-23: Bohn gave an update on a recent failure of the SO2 monitor at the plant due to a leak in the roof. DNR was contacted and the plant is running.
- Chetek Recycling Site: Have been receiving complaints from the Chetek area that the site is not open enough. Discussion on decrease in the amount of recycling coming in.
- New Loader Purchase: Discussed as part of the budget.
- Storm Damage / Demolition Debris: There is a large amount of construction debris coming in from the storm in Rice Lake. Bohn has been in contact with the DNR regarding outside storage and will be hauled out starting next week.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No edit lists were included for this meeting and will be included with the next meeting.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Manned Recycling Site Staffing

Set Date for Next Meeting: October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:05 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.