



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Heil, Jim Gores, Burnell Hanson, Terry Skaar, Bill Schradle

Others Present: Wendy Coleman, Andy Hanson, Jodi Busch, Brent Bohn, Jeff French

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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

There were no special matters or announcements.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: (Gores / Skaar) to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023. Carried

Out of State Travel – Shredder Demo – Specialty Type Waste Truman, MN (3-20-24): Bohn requested to allow Bohn, Hanson, Frisinger and a truck driver to travel to Truman, MN to view a demo of a shredding unit. Bohn explained that there is the potential for a new waste stream that may help pay for the cost of the shredding unit over a 3 to 4 year period. A sample of the proposed waste will be hauled to the shredder site to see if it would handle the waste.

Discussion. **Motion:** (Gores / Hanson) to approve the out of state travel. Carried

Staff Reports & Updates

- Xcel Energy Power Purchase Agreement: Bohn has signed a one year agreement for 2024. There has been no progress in pursuing options with Barron Electric / Dairyland Power. Bohn explained the long term forecast and recommends starting to work on a longer term contract with Xcel Energy depending on how rates are trending later this year.
- DNR – Full Compliance Inspection – Air Program: This inspection is required every two years and a couple of concerns were identified. These concerns are being addressed and corrected.
- Covering Required for All Loads: Staff are recommending a surcharge be added to loads that are not covered due to the amount of litter on the roads in recent months.

- 2023 Annual Monitoring Report: DNR annual monitoring report information has been submitted and awaiting response.
- SWPPP Submitted to Department: Foth has written a new stormwater plan and has been submitted to the DNR for approval. Discussed well water testing.
- Acid Gas Removal System Update: Footings and foundation are done and waiting for concrete crush testing results. Equipment should start to arrive on April 1st. Discussion on timeframe and contingency plan.
- Recycling Surcharge Complaint: French received a complaint on the per parcel recycling surcharge due to the number of parcels they own.
- Recycling Center Upgrades: Hanson provided an update on the project and showed photos of the new equipment. New bales are a more standard size.
- Recycling Center & Shredder EPA Grant (WCWRPC): French has submitted a request for potential grants for a waste shredder and funds for planning for a potential new recycling center.
- Construction and Demolition Waste – Plan for 2024 & Beyond: Our facility has become popular throughout the area and staff are always looking for new ways to bring in revenue. More contracts are coming in due to the amount of companies looking for landfill free options.

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

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: shredder demo update, acid gas removal system update

Set Date for Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 at 10:00 p.m.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:34 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.