



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151

335 E Monroe Ave – Barron, WI 54812

MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Heil, Bob Rogers, Jim Gores, Steve Johnson, Fran Langman, Burnell Hanson, Kevin Jacobson, Bill Schradle, Dan North (10:30 a.m.)

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

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Gores / Langman) to approve the minutes of November 5, 2024 as presented. Carried

2024 Financials were reviewed by Coleman for Finance Director Busch. The Recycling Fund is close within budget but has a strong cash balance to cover any potential overages if needed. The Waste to Energy Fund is currently showing an operating gain. The State Trust Fund loan proceeds have been received and operating cash is \$1.3M. No concerns at this time.

Owner Financial Responsibility (OFR) Requirements: Bohn reviewed the new DNR requirement to provide financial assurance for site clean-up of waste sites that are closed or abandoned. This has been reviewed by Foth and the calculation of the required assurance is expected to be approximately \$142,000. Bohn has requested an extension to April to provide the assurance funding to the DNR. Staff will review the acceptable assurance mechanisms and bring recommendations to the February or March meeting.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Acid Gas Removal System Project Update: Bohn gave a brief update on the project and looking to hook-up the system in the spring. Staff are working on punch list items and inside work.
- Staffing Update: Bohn provided an update on staffing.
- Plan of Operations / Shredder Update: Video of the shredder in operation was viewed and is working very well on many types of waste. Starting to see improvement in the ash output.



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Dan North arrived at 10:30 a.m.

- Tipping Fee Rate Changes: Bohn reviewed tipping fees and is recommending reviewing in and out of county rates later this year for possible increases. Specialty waste fees have been adjusted as needed.

Voucher edit lists were provided in the packet. Discussion on drug testing costs.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Owner Financial Responsibility (OFR) Funding

Set Date for Next Meeting: February 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Acid Gas Removal System – Update & Discussion Regarding Project Completion and Payment of Associated Costs: **Motion:** (Rogers / Gores) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to current or potential litigation with closed session to include French, Muench, Okey, Bohn and A. Hanson.

Roll Call Vote: Rogers, Gores, Johnson, B. Hanson, Jacobson, Langman, Schradle and North voting in favor.

Motion: (Langman / North) to return to open session. Carried

No action was taken.

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:34 a.m.

Open Session minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

Closed Session minutes submitted by:
Jeffrey French, County Administrator

Minutes are not official until approved by the Solid Waste Management Board at their next meeting.