



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151

335 E Monroe Ave – Barron, WI 54812

MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Schradle, Dan North, Steve Johnson, Kevin Jacobson, Fran Langman, Jim Gores, Bob Heil

Others Present: Louie Okey, Andy Hanson, Brent Bohn, Erin Williams, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, John Muench, Ray Zeman, Aaron Weber, Parker Buckley

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Bohn introduced Erin Williams as the new Maintenance Supervisor for Waste to Energy.

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Gores / Langman) to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. Carried

2024 Financials: Busch reviewed the Recycling and Waste to Energy financials to date. Recycling is showing a slight deficit going into year end but final numbers will not be available until 2024 books are closed. Waste to Energy is showing an increase in revenues and expenditures with a positive change in net position as well as strong cash on hand. Busch has no concerns with either fund.

Owner Financial Responsibility (OFR) Requirements: Bohn explained the DNR requirement for owner financial responsibility. Aaron Weber and Parker Buckley from Sterling Bank were present to explain the proposal of using a secured letter of credit for the required financial assurance. This would be set up as an escrow account that would remain at Sterling Bank accruing interest.

Motion: (Langman / Heil) to move forward with an escrow account with Sterling Bank providing a secured letter of credit for the DNR Owner Financial Responsibility funds. Carried

Sale or Donation of Shed at Chetek Recycling Site: Bohn was contacted by Chetek Sports Complex to see if WTE would sell or donate the shed that is no longer used at the Chetek recycling location. Discussion on the best way to dispose of the building. Consensus to see if any other department has a use for it before moving forward. No action taken.

Staff Reports & Updates

- a. Acid Gas Removal System Project Update: Some internal work is being done this winter. Bohn has found a business in Barron to fabricate the baghouse components. Staff are researching options for the necessary augers and conveyors for the project. Bohn is reviewing options for completing the electrical work in house or hiring out.
- b. Waste to Energy Debt Refinancing – Sally Port Financing: Busch provided a brief update but doesn't sound favorable to include the Waste to Energy debt at this time.
- c. Recycling (MRF) Inspection: Inspection was completed and no issues were identified. Next inspection will be in 3 years.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No questions or concerns.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Acid gas removal system, OFR, disposal of the Chetek recycling shed

Set Date for Next Meeting: March 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 Muench, Busch, Bohn, Hanson and Williams to be included. Roll call vote with Rogers, Gores, Heil, Schradle, North, Johnson, Jacobson and Langman voting in favor.

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

Motion: (Gores / Rogers) to direct Bohn and Muench to proceed with what was discussed in closed session. Carried

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:30 a.m.

Open session minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant
Closed session minutes submitted by:
Jodi Busch, Finance Director

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