



Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151

335 E Monroe Ave – Barron, WI 54812

MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Schradle, Fran Langman, Jim Gores, Bob Rogers, Burnell Hanson, Kevin Jacobson, Dan North, Louie Okey (alternate / ex officio)

Others Present: Jeff French, Brent Bohn, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, Ray Zeman

The Solid Waste Management Board was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

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

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

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

Public Comment: Langman commented regarding NASA space mission and lowest bidding.

Motion: (Langman / Jacobson) to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025. Carried

2025 Financials: Busch reviewed Recycling and Waste to Energy financials through March 2025. Recycling revenues are consistent with last year and expenses are down. Recycling surcharge will be applied to the account in May. Waste to Energy revenue is down slightly but March Xcel payment has been received yet but currently showing a positive change in net position. No concerns at this time.

Staff Reports & Updates

- Rice Lake Weighing Article: Rice Lake Weighing article was included in the packet.
- Curbside Recycling: Bohn gave an update on the ongoing requests for curbside recycling. Modifications would be needed to the Recycling Center to implement curbside recycling. Staff are looking at options, costs and timeline to move in that direction.
- DNR / Sterling Bank Escrow Agreement: French updated that the paperwork for the escrow account has been filed.
- Acid Gas Removal System Project Update: Bohn provided an update on the acid gas removal system. Staff are working through issues with the programming and are making progress. Construction permits are valid to June of 2026 and stack testing is scheduled for August at this time but system start up could be pushed to 2026.

- Ash Disposal Contract: RFP was sent out and proposals due in June.
- FY2026 Direct Federal Spending Appropriation Grant Application: French submitted a request for federal funds for the development of plans to expand the recycling center.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Discussed water treatment system costs and issues with the quality of the water coming over from Saputo.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: acid gas removal system, curbside recycling, carbon credits

Set Date for Next Meeting: June 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment by unanimous consent: 10:53 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.