



# **Solid Waste Management Board Meeting**

## **Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151  
335 East Monroe Ave - Barron, WI 54812

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## **MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Louie Okey, Jeff French, Jodi Busch, Brent Bohn, Wendy Coleman, John Muench

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order by Chair Schradle at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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

Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items): French read a letter of commendation for Brent Bohn in recognition of his work on the acid gas removal system.

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

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** (Gores / Langman) to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025. Carried

2026 Budget: Busch reviewed the proposed budget for Waste to Energy and Recycling. Waste to Energy is proposing to carryover some repairs to tipping floor and sheet metal on the outside of the building from 2025 to winter of 2026. Capital equipment purchases for 2026 include a boom lift and new loader. Recycling budget proposed to stay fairly consistent with 2025 budget with the exception of the purchase of a replacement forklift and increasing the education and outreach funds. **Motion:** (Jacobson / Gores) to approve the 2026 Waste to Energy and Recycling budgets as presented. Carried

### **Staff Reports & Updates**

- Xcel Energy Power Purchase Agreement: Bohn gave an update on the status of the power purchase agreement. Consensus to allow Bohn to pursue negotiations for a maximum of 5 year period.
- 2026 Recycling Grant Application: Application due on October 1st and will be submitted.
- Stack Testing: Stack testing was completed over 4 days in August and are awaiting the results.



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- Acid Gas Removal System Project Update: Bohn reported that the past 4 weeks have been spent learning the system and how to address any glitches. The system appears to be functioning well.

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

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Xcel Energy power purchase agreement, ash disposal contract, stack test results, New Auburn recycling update

Set Date for Next Meeting: October 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Discussion to change the meeting time to 9:00 a.m.

Ash Disposal Agreement –Discuss Strategy & Negotiation Regarding Ash Disposal Agreement Renewal with Republic Services: Bohn has reached out to Republic Services with recommended changes to the contract language discussed last month. There has been no response from Republic Services at this time.

The Solid Waste Management Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:39 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.***