



SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Jim Gores, Bob Heil, Kevin Jacobson, Steve Johnson, Fran Langman, Louie Okey, Tim Ploetz, and Bill Schradle (Departed at 9:30AM).

Absent: Dan North and Bob Rogers.

Others Present: Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Corporation Counsel Muench and County Board Chair Okey.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Schradle called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Public Meeting Notification: County Clerk Hodek stated the County's compliance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Ploetz/Gores) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of October 7, 2025: Motion: (Langman/Gores) to approve. Carried.

2025 Financial Update: Administrator French distributed and reviewed the documents for both the Waste to Energy and Recycling accounts.

- a. **Waste to Energy**
- b. **Recycling**

Staff Reports & Updates

- a. **Staffing Update:** WTE Director Bohn gave a staffing update and answered questions from the Board. Discussion.

Schradle departed the meeting at 9:30AM. Vice Chair Gores chaired the meeting after Chair Schradle departed.

- b. **Xcel Energy, 5 Year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):** The contract is complete with expected credits resulting in payments in 2027.
- c. **Stack Test Results:** Bohn explained the recent stack test results and continued work with the DNR. Current emissions are low and the unit is performing well.

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- d. New Auburn Recycling:** There is no update to report but will reach out to the village to see if there is still interest after their contract with Waste Management expires.
- e. Water Treatment Problems and Proposed Solutions:** Bohn is waiting on the estimate for the water treatment polisher.
- f. Ash Disposal Agreement:** A five year contract has been signed with Republic Services.
- g. Air Permit Extension:** The air permit expires in June and the application has been submitted for the new permit.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No action taken.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Recycling Ordinance**

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 9:00AM.

Request to Allow 80 Hours of Compensatory Time Earned to be Converted to the 457B Retirement Plan, as a Result of the Acid Gas Removal System Install, for the Plant Director, Assistant Plant Manager or Maintenance Supervisor, One-Time, Non-Precedent-Setting Conversion: Motion: (Langman/Heil) to go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(c) to include: WTE Director Bohn, Administrator French, Corporation Counsel Muench and County Board Chair Okey. Carried.

The remainder of the meeting minutes were taken by Administrator French.

Motion to return to Open Session: Langman/Johnson. Carried.

Motion Jacobson/Johnson: To approve allowing 80 hours of earned compensatory time to be converted to the 457B retirement account for the Plant Manager and Assistant Plant Manager and/or Maintenance Supervisor, (two personnel only), this being a one-time non-precedent setting allowance. Carried.

Adjourn: Declared adjourned at 10.33am by Vice-Chair Gores

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved by the Committee at the next meeting.

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