



SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 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, Fran Langman, Dan North, Louie Okey, and Bill Schradle.

Absent: Bob Rogers, Tim Ploetz.

Others Present: WTE Director Brent Bohn, Finance Director Michelle Drury, Administrator Jeff French, Corporation Counsel John Muench and Deputy County Clerk Sabrina Naglosky.

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

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

Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items): None at this time.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Okey/Heil) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approve Minutes of February 3, 2026: Motion: (Langman/Jacobson) to approve. Carried. Supervisor North abstained.

Future Repair and Maintenance Projects: WTE Director Bohn discussed future repair and maintenance of the cooling towers, enclosing the scrubber building, possible transition to a loss and weight carbon feed system and the budgeted purchase of a front end loader towards the end of 2026.

2026 Financial Update: Finance Director Drury reviewed the submitted financial report.

Staff Reports & Updates

- a. **New Auburn Recycling:** The Village of New Auburn continues to be interested in contracting with WTE for recycling services. With the Board passing the recycling ordinance in March, Director Bohn will reach out to New Auburn to work on formalizing a cooperative agreement.
- b. **Water Treatment Concerns and Proposed Solutions:** Director Bohn advised there are no current updates and requested for the agenda item to be removed until he has an update to report.
- c. **Ash Test Results:** Director Bohn provided a report showing ash test results dating back to 2023 and is encouraged by the findings. He plans to request to discontinue testing for TOX (Total Organic Halogen) since it has not been detected. Discussion on test results and next steps.



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- d. China Floating Solar:** Administrator French reviewed a unique process China is utilizing to generate power on floating solar farms. Discussion.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No action taken. None included in the packet.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Tour of Facility – May 5, 2026

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:00a.m. at the WTE Facility. A reminder will be sent to note the change in location.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 9:54am

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Naglosky, Barron County Deputy Clerk

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