



# **Solid Waste Management Board**

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

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026 - 9:00 AM**

## **Minutes**

**Present in Person:** Bob Heil, Fran Langman, Kevin Jacobson, Steve Johnson, Jeff Miller, Dan North, Louie Okey, Bill Schradle, Lauren Wentz

**Attending Virtually:** None

**Absent:** Jim Gores

**Others Present:** Brent Bohn, WTE Director, Michelle Drury, Finance Director, Jeff French, County Administrator, Jessica Hodek, County Clerk, Sabrina Naglosky, Deputy County Clerk

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Administrator French.

**Roll Call – Public Notification:** Deputy County Clerk Naglosky stated the County’s compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

**Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items):** Administrator French clarified for the committee members that the Solid Waste Committee does not elect a representative to the Executive Committee due to ex officio member Okey attending both meetings.

**Approve Agenda: Motion: (Wentz/Schradle)** to approve as presented. Carried.

**Approve Minutes of May 5, 2026: Motion: (Langman/North)** to approve as presented. Carried.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Elections of Officers:**

- a. **Chair: Motion: (Langman/North)** to nominate by unanimous white ballot for Supervisor Bill Schradle to remain as Chair and Supervisor Jim Gores to remain as Vice Chair. Discussion. Carried.
- b. **Vice Chair: Motion:** No motion needed do to previous action.

**Discuss/Approve Virtual Meeting Attendance:** Administrator French reviewed the County Boards stance on virtual attendance of committee meetings. Discussion. **By consensus the committee agrees that virtual attendance will be allowed as long as it is not abused.**

**Waste – to – Energy & Recycling Financials for 2025 & 2026:** Director Drury reviewed the financials included in the meeting packet. Discussion.

- a. **Review Fixed Assets – Waste – to - Energy & Recycling:** Director Drury reviewed the list of assets included in the packet. Discussion.

**Increase Waste – to – Energy “In County” and “Out of County” Tipping Fees, Effective January 1, 2027:** Director Bohn reviewed his request for increase in tipping fees by \$5.00/ton across the board and the history of previous increases. Discussion. **Motion: (Langman/No Second)** to increase tipping fees for both “In County” and “Out of County” by \$5.00. **Motion withdrawn. Motion: (Langman/Wentz)** to increase tipping fee “In County” by \$5.00/ton and “Out of County” by \$10.00/ton. Discussion. Carried with 9 Yes, 1 No (Heil).

**Increase Recycling Surcharge, Effective January 1, 2027:** Director Bohn reviewed the history of increases and suggested an increase from \$32.00/parcel to \$36.00/parcel. Discussion on why the City and Town of Rice Lake opt out of the Recycling Surcharge. **Motion: (Johnson/Heil)** to increase the recycling surcharge from \$32.00/parcel to \$36.00/parcel beginning January 1, 2027. Carried.

**Staff Reports & Updates**

- a. **Update and Discussion on Recent Plant Shutdown (May 18 – 22, 2026)** – Director Bohn reviewed a recent steam line repair and other projects completed during the plant shut down. The plant shut down gave staff the opportunity to effectively see how the scrubber is maintaining. Director Bohn is happy with its functioning.
- b. **2026 Recycling Grant** – Discussion on the DNR Recycling Grant, how it functions in the County Budget and how the grant is divided amongst the state.
- c. **New Board Members Introduced Themselves:** Supervisors Wentz and Miller introduced themselves and their personal backgrounds.

**Review Voucher Edit Lists:** Reviewed

**Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:**

1. 2027 Budget

**Next Meeting Date: July 7, 2026 – 9:00 AM**

**Adjourn for closed session at 9:53 AM.**

**Administrator French took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.**

**Assignment and Performance of Duties, Time Requirements and Compensation**

- a. **Go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** **Motion: (Johnson/Langman)** to go into closed session with no objections.

Motion to return to Open Session, Steve Johnson, second by Kevin Jacobson, carried.

No action taken

Motion to Adjourn: Fran Langman/Steve Johnson. Chair Schradle declared us adjourned by unanimous consent at 10.22am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sabrina Naglosky, Deputy County Clerk