



Solid Waste Management Board

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Minutes

Present in Person: Jim Gores, Bob Heil, Fran Langman, Kevin Jacobson, Jeff Miller, Louie Okey, Bill Schradle, Lauren Wentz

Attending Virtually: None at this time.

Absent: Dan North, Steve Johnson

Others Present: Brent Bohn, WTE Director, Michelle Drury, Finance Director, Rachel Richie, Assistant County Administrator, Sabrina Naglosky, Deputy County Clerk, Corporation Counsel Muench

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Supervisor Schradle.

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): None at that time.

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

Approve Minutes of June 2, 2026: Motion: (Langman/Wentz) to approve as presented. Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Reevaluate Tipping Fee Increase “In-County” and “Out of County” Tipping Fees (Previously Approved in June 2026) Motion: (Heil/Gores) to amend the previous action to increase the “In-County” tipping fees to \$83.00/ton. Director Bohn informed the committee that following his preparation for the 2027 budget he believed it would be best to reevaluate the increase in tipping fees. Bohn requested a rate of \$82 or \$83/ton “In-County.” This rate would allow for the increased depreciation and the addition of a new Night position. Discussion. Carried.

Approval of the Trade of a 135 Foot Boom Lift for a Smaller Boom Lift: Motion: (No action needed) Director Bohn explained the request for the trade due to the 135 foot lift has been experiencing problems with the boom and is too tall. The Waste to Energy Plant has built walkways to allow access to points where the 135 ft lift was purchased for. Bohn plans to trade a currently owned old 60 ft lift as well as the 135 ft lift to purchase a new 60 ft lift. Discussion. Carried.

Staff Reports & Updates

- a. **Cooperative Agreement for Recycling Services - Village of New Auburn** – Director Bohn stated the agreement has been drafted and is currently in the hands of Corporation Counsel Muench for review.
- b. **2026 Incinerator Operator Training** – In June, 8 individuals attended the training, 4 of which were Barron County new hires. Discussion
- c. **Staffing Update:** Since May 3 mechanics have been hired and are doing well. There is still 1 position available. Discussion was held on the night shift at the plant and how hard it is to fill those positions.

- d. **2027 Budget** Bohn states he is working through the 2027 Budget with Finance Director Drury and it will be brought to the committee in September.
- e. **WTE/State Trust Fund Loan Status Update** A decision has been made to not move forward with the State Trust Fund Loan due to the current interest rate.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Reviewed. No issues at this time.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

1. 2027 Budget - September 1, 2026
2. 135 ft Lift Trade
3. Progress of the Acid Gas Removal System Renovations

Next Meeting Date: September 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Assignment & performance of Duties, Time Requirements and Compensation and Compensatory Time - Plant Manager and Assistant Plant Manager: There was no need for closed session. Director Bohn gave an update and no action was needed.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 9:56 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Naglosky, Deputy County Clerk