

**WAUPACA COUNTY
RECYCLING IMPLEMENTAION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2015
WCI, Manawa

Vice Chair Prochnow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Les Prochnow, Bob Hoffman, Tony Cisewski, Fred Zaug, Terry Murphy, Ken Van Dyke, Harold Schreiber, Bob Lettau, Leonard Oppor, Roger Henschel, Mary Trice, Dan Sams, Andy Jensen, Paula Pagel, and Carl Kietzmann.

Also Present: Roger Holman and Debbie Krogwold

Prochnow gave the open meeting statement.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Pagel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Henschel to approve the Sept. 3, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

Prochnow opened the floor for nominations for chair.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Lettau to nominate Prochnow for Chair.

Prochnow called the nominations three times.

Motion by Oppor, seconded by Zaug to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Prochnow for Chair of the RIC. Motion carried.

Prochnow thanked the Council.

Prochnow called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Cisewski to nominate Zaug for Vice-Chair.

Prochnow called the nominations three times.

Motion by Lettau, seconded by Oppor to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Zaug for Vice-Chair of the RIC. Motion carried.

Zaug thanked the Council.

Krogwold presented the following program updates:

- The recycling program is now accepting a broader range of plastics to include all dairy, deli and produce containers. Brochures have been revised to depict this change and are being distributed as contracts come up for renewal.
- A new Pay-Per-Bag garbage program has been implemented at the Manawa Area Recycling Center. This program follows the same guidelines as the CAWS, Iola, and Waupaca pay-per-bag programs. Revenue from the program will help to offset operational costs of the center.

- Recycling markets continue to be volatile with ups and downs just like any other commodity traded on the open market. Graphs showing this volatility were presented and made available to those who wanted them.
- Copies of the Wisconsin Recycles poster were handed out. All of the items that are banned from Wisconsin landfills were listed on the poster. The Waupaca County/Municipal Recycling Agreement complies with state law in providing a recycling program for these items. The county-wide recycling program structure was reviewed.

Holman reviewed the proposed Solid Waste/Recycling budget for 2016. Holman noted that the recycling program faces a projected loss of revenue of \$138,968, with a projected loss of \$122,000 in state grants, an additional \$34,000 for 2016. Holman stated the \$34,000 removed from the state budget in 2016 is to be restored in 2017, but the program still has to deal with the loss. Holman stated to address the loss of revenue, the Solid Waste Board has moved \$70,000 from the recycling budget to the solid waste budget. To address the increase in solid waste, increased fees are being proposed, staff cuts, and operations changed. The Solid Waste Board is requesting the County Board apply fund balance of \$35,000 to the recycling budget in 2016, which will be replaced by the state grant in 2017.

Holman stated that in order to make the proposed budget work, the municipalities need to support the programs, use the programs, promote the programs, and work to have state recycling grants restored by contacting their State Legislators and various associations.

Motion by Pagel, seconded by Henschel to recommend the applying of approximately \$34,000 County fund balance to the 2016 County recycling budget. Motion carried.

Holman presented and reviewed the estimated \$2.41 per capita assessment (\$100,000 total) to provide for the 2016 recycling program funds shortfall.

Discussion occurred on assessing non-member municipalities to help cover the cost of the recycling program.

Motion by Pagel, seconded by Trice to recommend to the Solid Waste Management Board that they not assess non-member municipalities for use of the PTF. Motion carried.

The members were provided a brief update on the operations and programs.

The next meeting will be called by the Solid Waste/Recycling Dept.

Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Oppor to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Recording Secretary