

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD – STUDY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – March 29th, 2017
Waupaca County PTF

Chair Van Dyke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Ken Van Dyke; Supervisors Joe McClone, Gene Sorensen, and Fred Zaug. Others present: Pat Bruneau, Joe Barden, and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Zaug, seconded by Sorensen to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment / Correspondence: Van Dyke opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Develop Strategies to Address Issues from the September 2016 DNR Inspection: Van Dyke started the discussion by outlining the issues that arose from the inspection and gave a brief explanation of how the discussion will work. Bruneau explained the rules under which the PTF operates and explained what options we have to keep up with the influx of materials. Below is the list of options he presented:

- Streamline coordination efforts with Graichen Sanitation. When we have it we ship it.
- During increased volume day(s) split assignments with existing staff, such as we would have two staff start earlier in the day and the other two stay late. This will result in overtime.
- Modify retired compactor boxes into open top configuration thereby increasing our containerized storage capacity.
- Hiring additional staff to run a 2nd shift. This idea is plagued with many problems such as, where do you find a reliable workforce to fill in on a nightshift with an on call schedule. We would need to supervise these shifts. We would need to add lighting to accommodate night work.

Bruneau recommended that the County focus on the first 3 options as the 4th will be difficult at best to accomplish. Expanding the facility to have either two tipping floors or a tipping floor separated from a work area would be the long term goal to make the facility operate smoothly with existing staffing levels. Bruneau recommended that all options should be explored if the County were to go that route as there may be a better system out there.

There was discussion about using open-top boxes and converting some old compactor boxes to open-top to provide storage capacity if needed. Bruneau reported that by storing the boxes inside the building, they are covered under the rules. An option to keep the facility closed to the public for half of every other day was discussed for a way to give existing staff time to clear off the tipping floor. There was also discussion about metering the intake from commercial users to certain days.

As part of the manpower shortage discussion, Bruneau's retirement date was discussed, it will be April 14th at the latest. A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Zaug to replace Bruneau's position immediately. Motion carried without a negative vote.

There was further discussion about how much the additional overtime in the first two bullets above will cost the County. Bruneau explained that it would be very difficult to predict as this has not been attempted before and the incoming waste volume is impossible to predict. There was also talk about raising the tipping fees to cover the additional costs for employee wages.

Bruneau talked about a C & D (construction and demolition) waste recovery facility in the Appleton area called Landfill Reduction. He recommended that the Solid Waste Board tour the facility. He also explained that as of right now the cost to send C&D waste to the facility in Appleton is about the same as the cost to send it to the landfill. There may be portions of this waste that could be separated on site such as shingles but the volumes currently received are too low to make it a profitable venture.

A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Zaug to hold the April 10th Solid Waste Board meeting at 8:30am at the PTF. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Upcoming Meetings: The next Solid Waste Management Board meeting was set for Monday April 10th at 8:30 a.m. at the Waupaca County PTF.

Adjourn: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Zaug to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

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