

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – August 14th, 2017
Waupaca County Courthouse

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Gene Sorensen; Vice-Chair Fred Zaug; Supervisors Joyce Boyer, Carl Kietzmann and Joe McClone; Citizen Members Jeff Dyer, Maryann Snider, Nancy Koeppen, and Ken Van Dyke. Others present: Kerry Drath – PTF farmland renter, Supervisor James Nygaard, Staff Members Debbie Krogwold, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Van Dyke to approve the July 10th, 2017 minutes with one spelling error corrected. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

PTF Property – Property Management Update: Sorensen invited Mr. Drath (rents PTF farmland) to speak regarding the possibility of removing 10 acres of low-land from production and managing it to reduce runoff from the property. Mr. Drath stated that he would like to continue to farm this land and that he could plant it to hay and achieve the same runoff prevention. Francis handed out a letter from Brian Hasse on behalf of the Waupaca County Land and Water Committee (LWCC) that spelled out several different options on how to deal with the runoff issues on the property. He briefly explained the options and relayed which option the LWCC recommended. This option was to remove 10 acres from production and plant it to prairie species with the option that if money were available they could excavate some small scrapes (low areas) for water to be retained in during large rain events. Supervisor Nygaard mentioned that prairie plants were selected by the LWCC because they had a source of free seed and the County could plant it at low cost. He also mentioned that there was no rent payment on a prairie. There was some discussion about if hay was a viable option for runoff retention.

Francis handed out an e-mail from the Corporation Council regarding what committee/board should be leasing out County owned property. He explained that even though it has been handled by the Solid Waste Board for about 20 years, it would appear that the Public Property Committee is the one with authority to do so. There was some discussion about this and that this would be a good opportunity to do it the right way as the lease expires at the end of 2017.

Motion was made by McClone, seconded by Koeppen to transfer the leasing of the PTF farmland to the Public Property Committee with the Ad Hoc Committee attending the next Public Property meeting to make the recommendation that the LWCC option #3 for dealing with runoff be followed, substituting hay for prairie, and also that the Solid Waste Board strongly recommends the extension of Mr. Drath's lease with the inclusion of hay in the low area. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Preliminary Budget Review and Approval: Francis handed out copies of the budget worksheets and explained the major changes from last year. Krogwold explained the recycling side of the budget and the municipal assessment that will be billed out to participating municipalities. There was discussion on various line items.

Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Boyer to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried without a negative vote.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that they are keeping up with the tipping floor. He stated that they are trying to keep the weight up on the loads. He discussed the various issues they have had with the compactor. The scale project is supposed to start September 12th. There were issues with the permit from the state. The application was lost, but the check was cashed. This issue has been resolved.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: None to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Krogwold reported that Marion City residents will receive the new recycling guideline brochure next week. The City of Marion renewed their curbside contract with Harter's for 5 years.
- b. **Program Updates:** Krogwold handed out a table showing tonnages received at the PTF along with associated revenues and costs. Discussion followed, resulting in a request to modify the table to just show tonnages. Revenues and expenses are already listed in department budget sheets.

Director Report:

- a. **Department Activities:** Francis reported that the new PTF truck has arrived, they just need to add a topper and it will be ready to go. He also mentioned that there was talk about the County bonding for capital projects this year and there was discussion on how that would impact the future changes to the PTF operation. Francis said he would look into getting a project into the bond if it happens.
- b. **Project Updates:** This was covered earlier.
- c. **Review of Similar Facilities:** Francis reported that he and Claussen had visited the transfer stations at Portage County and Shawano to see how they operated. The take-away from the visits were that they were both loading open-top semi trailers without a compactor, doing so faster and hauling twice the tonnage per load that we are with our compactor setup. There was discussion on the various details of both sites and how they compare to our transfer station. Francis reported that the open-top route would appear to be the way to go if we were to change, but he and Claussen would continue to explore options.

Upcoming Meetings: It was suggested that the next Solid Waste Management Board meeting be held at the PTF and was set for Monday September 11th at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Koeppen, seconded by Boyer to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director