

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – May 8th, 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: Patricia Timm, Brian Haase, Debbie Krogwold, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Boyer, seconded by Zaug to approve the April 10th, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

PTF Property – Alternate Management for Wet Areas: Patricia Timm, a neighbor to the PTF property, presented to the board her concerns about how current land management for corn and soybeans in the wetter areas has been causing runoff and siltation of her pond and wetland areas. She would like the County to pursue organic land management on the entire parcel for the benefit of the various birds and other wildlife that would use the area. If that type of management were to occur, she would be willing to allow trails from the County Land to extend through her property. Her immediate goal was to get the County to plant the wetter areas into a grass cover crop to slow soil erosion.

Brian Haase, the Land and Water Department Director, presented the County's plan to remove about 10 acres from production for a wetland restoration project that would include building a dike and pipe structure that would cut down outflow from the site by 90%. This would address the migration of soil from the County property. The plan includes planting prairie plant species. There is a grant available for this project that would cover 50% of the cost. The matching funds may be available from the Fish and Wildlife Service but they will not commit until there are more finalized plans to review. If the project were to happen this year, it would be best to do the work in July if it is dry. If there is to be a delay, the site should have a cover crop of annual grasses planted to prevent erosion.

There was discussion about the contract with the farmer leasing the land regarding if the County was able to remove land from production while the contract is still in effect (through December 31st, 2017). Francis read a portion of the contract that allows this to happen with compensation if crops are removed. It was stated that the farmer should be notified of the change soon so they don't plant crops in the affected area this year.

Motion by Zaug, seconded by Koeppen to pull the designated land from production this season so the wetland restoration project can move forward this year. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Update on Transfer Station Compliance: Van Dyke reported that he had talked with the DNR about the 24-hour turn-around time requirement and that they are willing to give the County a 2 year variance to the rule so that we have time to implement changes that will allow us to keep up. There was discussion on the various ways the County has been addressing the issue and what the next steps are to ensure we stay in compliance.

PTF Supervisor Update: Francis introduced Tom Claussen as the new PTF Supervisor. Claussen gave a brief talk about his background and answered some questions from the Board.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: None to report.

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Krogwold reported on the April 19th & 20th school visits to the PTF – there were about 100 students. She also did a composting presentation to the Master Gardener group. She was interviewed on WDUX radio and promoted the sale of compost bins and other programs (tire roundup and the startup of household hazardous waste collection).
- b. **Program Updates:** Krogwold reported on the state-wide medication roundup that took place on April 29th. There were record volumes/weights of materials brought in. Waupaca County is very fortunate to have six permanent locations available year-round for the collection of medications. Medications were disposed of through the Wisconsin DOJ and US-DEA.

Processing & Transfer Facility:

- a. **Operations:** Francis reported that it has been busy and there has been a fair amount of overtime among the PTF staff to try to keep up. He was hoping this would improve with full staffing on board now.
- b. **In-feed Conveyor and Scale Replacement Projects:** Francis reported on the status of these projects. He and Claussen will be reviewing the specifications, meeting with representatives from the various suppliers, then getting the projects out to bid.

Director Report:

- a. **Department Activities:** Covered earlier
- b. **Project Updates:** Covered earlier
- c. **Management Team Update:** Francis reported that the group has been addressing the upcoming compensation study as well as the building needs study.

Upcoming Meetings: The next Solid Waste Management Board meeting was set for Monday June 12th at 3:30 p.m. at the Waupaca County Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director