



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES

Attendance:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Thomas Seubert - Chair	X	
Jean Maszk – Vice Chair	X	
Myron Podjaski	X	
Kerry Brimmer	X	
Brad Lenz	X	
Allen Drabek	X	
David Baker	X	
Dennis Gonnering	X	
Ashley Lange		X

Also present: Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department (SWD); Laurie Miskimins, Brittanie Schulz – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ)

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Public Comment** - NONE
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 14, 2023, Meeting**

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY DRABEK/PODJASKI TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 14TH, 2023, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action

A. **Director/Operations Manager Report**

i. **Viridi RNG Updates**

Hagenbucher gave an update on permitting between Viridi and Ringle. Viridi cannot accept landfill gas for energy production until the permitting with Ringle is complete.

ii. **Landfill Gas Blower and Flare Station – Bids**

Hagenbucher reviewed bids for landfill gas blower and flare station. It is 40+ weeks lead time on delivering the project. Bid from Cimarron was lower than anticipated, which will allow for funds to build a pad for the equipment. *Notice to Proceed* with the order has been given to Cimarron. Asking for a discount giving the lead time, and because Solid Waste can prepay some of the project. In the CIP for 2024, so this would need to be updated if payment did not happen until 2025. The committee asked clarifying questions about elements of the bid. They would like clarification from the vendor regarding warranty/guarantee related to the product. Solid Waste to follow up.

Follow-through: Solid Waste will seek answers from Cimarron regarding warranties on products.

iii. **2024 Rate Increases and Budget**

Hagenbucher reviewed the 2024 budget narrative and proposed fee increases, discussing where the department is achieving efficiencies and savings, and discussing reasoning behind fee increases. The Committee discussed other considerations for department costs and possible fee increases and clarified how some fees are applied. Hagenbucher explained that it is a balance between recouping costs and keeping it affordable to maintain the customer base. Hagenbucher explained how they assess the fees customers are charged.

The Committee discussed the County Audit to gather a better understanding of deficit and assets related to whether \$200,000 from Solid Waste can be moved to the General Fund. The Committee is not willing take action on the fees or the \$200,000 without seeing the entire County Budget, and

gathering a better understanding of whether or not the increases in fees would bridge the deficits they are seeing in the Solid Waste budget.

Follow-through: Solid Waste will clarify Transfer Station Drop-off fee is for 10 yards or less. Solid Waste will clarify with Finance Director what is the actual amount of money we have on the books and need on the books to close the Bluebird site in the future.

5. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action

A. 2024 Rate Increases and Budget

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY DRABEK/MASZK TO POSTPONE THE DECISION UNTIL ANOTHER MEETING CAN BE HELD WITH ADMINISTRATOR LEONHARD AND FINANCE DIRECTOR PALMER CAN BE IN ATTENDANCE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, 7 AFFIRMED APPROVAL, WITH 1 OBJECTION.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Development of an Agreement with City of Wausau Wastewater Commission to Determine the Feasibility of Accepting Leachate at the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Discussed request from City of Wausau to do background testing of leachate to evaluate if the landfill can accept it. They want to understand what level the landfill might accept. Both the City of Wausau and the landfill will need to test to establish baseline/background levels. The Committee discussed implications of moving forward with testing and continuing to partner with the City of Wausau.

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/PODJASKI TO APPROVE GOING FORWARD TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WAUSAU FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR LEACHATE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

~~C. Motion to go into Closed Session (roll call vote required), pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of conducting specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: contract negotiations relative to leachate hauling, clay procurement, and Area B airspace.~~

~~D. Motion to return to open session (roll call vote not required)~~

~~E. Discussion and possible action resulting from closed session discussion.~~

6. Next Regular Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board

A special meeting may be held in late September, depending on availability of Administrator and Finance Director.

Committee Members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next regular meeting October 9, 2023. The location and time are to be determined.

7. Announcements / Requests

Introduction of CPZ Senior Administrative Specialist Brittanie Schulz. She will take over the SWMB duties in January 2024. Welcome Brittanie.

8. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/DRABEK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:41PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hagenbucher
Director- Solid Waste Department
DH:LM September 11, 2023