



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OCTOBER 9, 2023 MINUTES

Attendance:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Thomas Seubert - Chair	X	
Jean Maszk – Vice Chair	X	
Myron Podjaski	X	
Kerry Brimmer	X (Left early due to Webex being disconnected)	
Brad Lenz		X
Allen Drabek	X	
David Baker	X (Left early due to Webex being disconnected)	
Dennis Gonnering	X	
Ashley Lange		X

Also present: Dave Hagenbucher, Eric Olson, Julie Groshek – Solid Waste Department (SWD); Laurie Miskimins, Brittanie Schulz – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ), Krist Palmer – Finance, Lance Leonhard, County Administrator

1. Call Meeting to Order

The agenda being properly signed and posted, and the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 2pm by Chair Seubert in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403

2. Public Comment - NONE

3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Meeting

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY DRABEK/MASZK TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action

A. Director/Operations Manager Report:

i. Area B Closure – Grades

Director Hagenbucher gave the committee an update on grading issues that will need to be corrected before the Area B Closure project occurs. Slopes need to be at a 4:1.

ii. Area B Leachate Hauling – Uncertainty around future leachate needs due to potential regulation changes. Hauling contractor to remain the same.

iii. Regional Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Portage and Shawano

Solid Waste is gathering a better understanding of the regional agreement and how that might have an influence on rates and revenue across the three counties.

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

A. Discussion on Solid Waste Audit and 2024 Budget

Administrator Leonhard gave an introduction to the 2024 Budget and the request to the Solid Waste Management Board regarding in-direct costs provided by County to Solid Waste.

Palmer reviewed the balance sheet, giving an overview of large items in the budget explaining where major items in the budget come from. Post Closure and Long-Term Care Cost of significance in audit values.

Director Hagenbucher gave an overview on funds that will be returned to Solid Waste over time as WDNR approves certain projects.

Discussion from members included what percentage of the gas revenue would the

County want returned to the General Fund. Administrator Leonhard said this would be a discussion on what are the long-term expenses for Solid Waste and ensure those are first covered.

What are the indirect costs to the landfill for the landfill gas to RNG system? Solid Waste is still sorting some of that out with Viridi.

Line of credit questions and costs were discussed, is there another way to get line of credit? If Solid Waste needs to borrow money there may be other opportunities to do this, and new legislation may allow a net worth option vs. getting a line of credit in the future.

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

Committee Members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next regular meeting November 13, 2023. The location and time are to be determined.

7. Announcements / Requests

8. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK/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 October 9, 2023