



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD NOVEMBER 13, 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	
Brad Lenz	X	
Allen Drabek	X	
David Baker	X	
Dennis Gonnering	X	
Ashley Lange		X

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

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 October 9, 2023, Meeting

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK/BRIMMER TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9TH, 2023, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action

A. Director/Operations Manager Report:

- i. Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted, Wastewater conference, WCA article, WI Counties Solid Waste Management Association: Open Position

Director Hagenbucher shared the following updates:

Submitted Letter of Intent (LOI). Official application would be submitted in 2024, funding available in 2025. It is submitted only, and we do not know yet if LOI will be accepted. Solid Waste would work with consultant to develop numbers for the application in 2024. Coordinating with the City of Wausau, who also submitted an LOI.

Director attended PFAs conference. Lots of discussion on destruction technology for PFAs, which was encouraging.

December Wisconsin Counties Association will feature Solid Waste focused articles. Marathon County Solid Waste submitted an article on use of landfills after they close.

Wisconsin Solid Waste Management Association: for employees and people of solid waste management departments, and people working/associated with solid waste field. Looking for additional representatives. If a SWMB member is interested, please reach out to Director Hagenbucher.

B. Regional Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Portage County and Shawano County

- i. Review and Evaluation with Foth and Mike Konecny CPA

This will be an ongoing item and discussion for next few months. The current agreement with Portage and Shawano is in year 20 now, and therefore all counties are revisiting the agreement. This

includes an evaluation by Foth, to ensure that all three counties are getting the best value. The goal is to have all three counties operate as one to make the counties competitive to private sector and ensure correct fees are being charged.

Historically, there should have been annual reconciliation based on revenue surplus and percentage of trash that each county has been bringing, but this has not have been taking place. This evaluation will not be retroactive. It would be applicable going forward. One result could be an increase in fees assessed to Portage and Shawano Counties. Technically we are a legal partner with the other counties till 2032. It is in the best interest to have Foth do this evaluation now. However, if evaluation identifies Marathon County is receiving a surplus, this may have to be returned to Portage and/or Shawano going forward.

SWMB discussed. Overall, they believe this evaluation will be beneficial to Marathon County. Will the gas issue play a role in this evaluation. Director Hagenbucher believes that the RNG revenue is outside the scope of the agreement between the counties.

C. Discussion on Solid Waste Rates and Fees
i. History review and future planning

Director Hagenbucher delivered the presentation in the packet, giving the overview of how rates and fees for Solid Waste are determined. Keeping rates consistent and predictable would help stabilize the market that uses our facility.

SWMB discussed pros and cons of having leachate disposal onsite, marketing to/bringing in other customers, closure and long-term care costs.

There is a State Bill getting a hearing Wednesday in Madison on owner/operator responsibility.

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

- A. Approve evaluation with Foth Infrastructure on the Intergovernmental Agreement between Shawano, Portage, and Marathon Counties.

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/MASZK TO APPROVE THE EVALUATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FOTH AND THE OTHER COUNTIES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

FOLLOW THROUGH: NOTHING AT THIS TIME

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 December 11, 2023. The location and time are to be determined.

7. Announcements / Requests

8. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/MASZK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:24PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hagenbucher
Director- Solid Waste Department
DH:LM November 13, 2023