



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 2:00 pm

Meeting Location: Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403, or Webex

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Mission Statement: *To provide the residents, businesses, and organizations of the region with a cost effective, comprehensive integrated waste management system. The system consists of programming, education and consulting services on waste reduction, recycling, composting and hazardous waste management, along with landfill disposal, with landfill-gas-to-energy production.*

Members: Thomas Seubert – Chair, Jean Maszk - Vice-Chair, David Baker, Kerry Brimmer, Brad Lenz, Dennis Gonnering, Ashley Lange, Allen Drabek

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment-**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 12th, 2024, Meeting**
4. **Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action:**
 - A. Viridi RNG Update
 - B. Owner Financial Responsibility Change – Act 107
 - C. Village of Weston Food Waste Reduction Pilot Program
 - D. Area B Closure
 - E. Landfill Compactor Update
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action:**
 - A. Landfill Compactor Procurement
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 meeting May 13th, 2024.

7. Announcements / Requests

8. Adjournment

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /S/ 
Presiding Officer or Designee

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Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board 2020-2025 Strategic Goals

1. Maximize economic opportunities from landfill operations.
2. Engage Marathon County residents and businesses to divert solid waste into productive use such as but not limited to hazardous household, food, and construction and demolition.
3. Make recycling easy and understandable.
4. Shift the paradigm to alternative uses for waste.
5. Influence state policy in order to make the highest and best uses of waste resources.



**MARATHON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
February 12th, 2024, 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), Brittanie Schulz, Shad Harvey – 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 2:00pm by Chair Seubert in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403

2. Public Comment – PODJASKI TALKED ABOUT SOLAR PANELS ON FARMS ALONG COUNTY ROAD Q, WILL BRING MORE SCRAPPING MATERIALS TO SOLID WASTE

3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2024, Meeting

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK/DRABEK TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8TH, 2024, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action

- A.** Viridi Timeline for RNG- Hagenbucher will be meeting about the RNG prior to the project starting. Start of project timeline is May or June of 2024, all permits and licensing are done, and they are ready to go.
- i. Additional FTE January 2025- An official request was put in for an FTE position to run the RNG. Right now, they only have 3 current employees trained on it, but this would be another secure backup. The position will be called Environmental system specialist.
 - ii. New Flare Operational by Startup- Hagenbucher talked about the blower and motor we purchased used in 2009 from Brown County. The software is an old level windows 95 based system. Hagenbucher stated they are looking to update blower and motor on the Flare operation. We already paid for this last year, so this will not be funded in this calendar year.
- B.** Area B Closure- Hagenbucher presented the status of this closure, currently there is no air space as the grade has changed over time essentially over the past 10 years. Some areas are so steep because of uneven settlement that we have to actually go back in and reiterate those areas in order for the DNR to close this. Hagenbucher stated that we do have funds available in our closure accounts, he would like to see this move forward and get this closure completed.
- i. Contractor- Current bids are from River View Construction and Integrity Grading, one came in a bit more expensive than the other. Tentative start date would be April 15th however the contract is not signed yet.
 - ii. Funding- Some of the major cost of this project will be involving clay, plastic, screen soil, and the regrading work that the hill will need. The total project is projected to cost roughly around 6,000,000. This project may have change orders and cost might fluctuate, Hagenbucher would like to keep the project roughly around 5,000,000 to have 1 million to put towards other cost the project might have come up.

- C. PFAs Update- Hagenbucher is involved with the Wisconsin DNR PFAs External advisory group and will be representing the County and the solid waste industry. The committee has not met yet but will be meeting to discuss further on using our solid waste landfill to filter out PFAs. Other options would be to consult a landfill in Canada, however the cost for this is around 130,000 for 5 boxes and is there going to be risk and liabilities with this.
- i. WDNR PFAs External Advisory Group – Attached
 - ii. Request to accept PFAs Filter Material- Legal advice needed as a concern of Hazard Waste on mobilizing the landfill locally to save money.

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

- A. Acceptance of PFAs Filter material from local water treatment- The members of this committee postponed until they have legal advice and advice from our county administrator. Hagenbucher will follow up with corporation counsel and Administrator Leonhard.

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 March 11th, 2024.

7. Announcements / Requests

8. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK/GONNERING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:43PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hagenbucher
Director- Solid Waste Department
DH:BS February 12th, 2024

Wisconsin Legislative Council

ACT MEMO



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March 21, 2024

2023 Wisconsin Act 107
[2023 Senate Bill 624]

**Establishing Proof of Financial
Responsibility for Municipal
Solid Waste Facilities**

BACKGROUND

Under current law, the owner or operator of a hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facility must maintain proof of financial responsibility that ensures the availability of funds for closure and long-term care requirements and any required corrective action. For a business operated for profit and certain public utilities, the proof of financial responsibility requirement may be satisfied by either the standard method, through obtaining certain financial instruments, or by the net worth method, through proving the company is worth a certain amount and is financially sound. A municipality that owns or operates a solid waste facility may only use the standard method for proving financial responsibility.

2023 WISCONSIN ACT 107

2023 Wisconsin Act 107 allows a municipality owner or operator of a solid waste facility to establish financial responsibility through an alternative method. Under this alternative method, a municipality may satisfy the proof of financial responsibility requirement by meeting minimum financial requirements established in administrative rule by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and both of the following requirements:

- If the municipality has any outstanding, rated, general obligation bonds, none have been rated lower than “Baa” as issued by Moody’s Investors Services or “BBB” as issued by Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
- The municipality’s most recent audited annual financial statement shows a ratio of cash plus marketable securities to total expenditures of not less than 0.05, and a ratio of annual debt service to total expenditures of not greater than 0.20.

The act requires DNR to promulgate rules establishing these minimum financial requirements no later than the first day of the seventh month beginning after the act’s effective date. The rules must reflect the two requirements above and the requirements established in the local government financial test in the federal law relating to municipal solid waste landfills.

If DNR determines that a municipality does not meet these minimum financial requirements, the municipality is required to establish proof of financial responsibility using the standard method within 45 days of DNR’s determination. If more than one municipality owns or operates a solid waste facility, any of the municipalities may establish financial responsibility for itself and the other municipalities.

The act also allows DNR to pay costs associated with closure, long-term care requirements, and corrective action for a facility that has established proof of financial responsibility through either the alternative method or the net worth method. DNR may expend moneys for this purpose if the owner or

operator of the facility has failed to comply with closure, long-term care, or corrective action requirements, and any of the following apply:

- The owner or operator's failure to comply is due to bankruptcy, insolvency, or other inability to pay the costs.
- DNR determines that the failure to comply presents an imminent or substantial danger to human health or the environment.

In order to pay these costs, the act allows DNR to transfer money from the existing waste management fund to a new appropriation account dedicated to this purpose. The act requires that the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) be notified of a transfer that does not exceed \$300,000, and any transfer that exceeds \$300,000 must be approved by JCF.

Effective date: March 16, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

PW:jal

March 11, 2024



To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Weston is partnering with Marathon County Solid Waste Department, Recycling Connections, Hsu Growing Supply, and BetterBin to help reduce food waste going to landfills. In a recent study released by the Wisconsin DNR, 30% of the materials going to landfills in Wisconsin are actually compostable. These partners aim to apply for a grant from the USDA to help address this problem and create options for residents to compost their food waste through backyard composting, drop off sites, and alternative ideas to reduce and manage food waste. We are seeking partners throughout Marathon County to join in the effort.

Would you like to offer residents an opportunity to reduce food waste or have alternative options for disposal? Partner with us or show your support to the initiative by writing a letter of support to this project.

The Four Project Goals Are:

- Reduce the amount of wasted food going to the landfills, which will help to reduce overall greenhouse gas and methane emissions, and lengthen the lifespan of our landfills.
- Provide options for residents to dispose of wasted food, such as through backyard home composting, public drop-off sites, or on setting up a collection service for wasted food instead of landfilling
- Bring awareness to the general public on the amount of food that is being discarded.
- Increase the knowledge and understanding about the benefits of adding food waste to organic materials for increasing soil health and fertility.

If funded, the program would establish public drop-off locations throughout the county for discarded wasted food. Drop-off locations will be stationed in various public locations such as at the Weston Municipal Center, Weston Farmer's Market, etc. Residents may opt in to participate in a drop-off program for disposing their food wastes. As a benefit to participants, the grant will provide complimentary stainless-steel kitchen pails for their kitchen waste. Additionally, residents will have the opportunity to purchase their own backyard compost bins at a reduced rate. This program will support additional activities to engage and provide options for local schools and businesses to help address the problem of food waste getting landfilled instead of composted.

If successful, this grant would bring in \$45,000 to up to \$300,000, to tackle the food waste issues in Wisconsin. We would like this proposal to include partners throughout Marathon County. We invite you to join us.

If you would like, we could set up a meeting to discuss this further. We are anticipating the grant request for proposal announcement to come out sometime this month, so your soonest response would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Landfill Compactor Bid 2024

Aljon
2013 Rebuilt 525 \$704,992.24
Miller Bradford and Risberg
2024 Bomag 1173 RB-5 \$1,270,000
Fabick Cat
2007 Rebuilt 836H \$931,672
Roland Machinery
2024 Tana E520 \$1,209,000

**Rebuilt Bomag 1172 with Existing Machine already on Site
performed by Miller Bradford and Risberg – DeForest**

\$569,062.84