



## MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> however the contract is not signed yet.
  - 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024