



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, March 13, 2023, at 2:00 pm**
Meeting Location: Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403

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)*

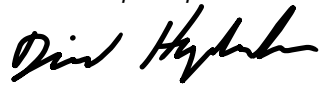
Mission Statement: *To provide the residents, businesses, and organizations of the region with a cost effective, comprehensive integrated waste management system. The system consists of programming, education and consulting services on waste reduction, recycling, composting and hazardous waste management,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

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Meeting**
4. **Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action:**
 - A. Director/Operations Manager Report:
 - i. Viridi Energy and Marathon County Landfill Gas Purchase Agreement
 - ii. WDNR Owner Financial Responsibility Changes
 - iii. Portage County Swap Agreement
 - iv. Horizontal Gas Well Installation
 - v. WCSWMA and WI Greenfire Conference in Wausau in May
 - vi. Strategic Plan - Goals for 2023
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action:**
 - A. None

- 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 April 10, 2023
- 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.



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Minutes
February 13, 2023

Attendance:

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

Also present: Dave Hagenbucher, Eric Olson, and John Peralta – Solid Waste Department (SWD); Brenda Iczkowski – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ)

1. Call to order

The agenda being properly signed and posted, and the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair Seubert in the large conference room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY DRABEK/ PODJASKI TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2022, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action.

A. Director’s Report

i. Landfill Gas Update

Hagenbucher stated the continuation and evaluation working with landfill gas and is hoping to have a more detailed update at the March meeting.

ii. Siting Agreement – Monitoring Committee Members

Hagenbucher shared with the Siting Agreement, there is to be a monitoring committee with members being three people from the Town of Ringle and three people from Marathon County also having a mediator. By March, the hope is to have the candidates picked out. This committee will be discussing ongoing landfill operations items, nuisance conditions related to the site and how to distribute the \$30,000 payment to neighbors.

iii. BRRDF Clousre and GCCS upgrades

Hagenbucher shared the finalizing of the closure of Bluebird Ridge from the completed work in 2022 will continue this spring, recondition the clay, and lay 10 acres of plastic and put the remaining dirt on the cap. Included in the process is the expansion of gas collection system which will be starting in a couple weeks. There will be six optional collections well upgrades. The first round will be installed the end of February with the remaining being installed by May.

iv. Blower and Flare system

Hagenbucher stated the approved CIP plan to purchase a blower and flare system for 2023 will be started in April with a Request For Proposal (RFP). The proposal to the vendors will be to install a blower, knock-out, and a flare. With current system being so outdated, this project should be completed by November.

v. Compensation Study Updates

Olson the drivers are still adapting to the new hours and still having a few drivers arriving late. Staff is adjusting with operations and fueling when/if there is a slower time during the day by trying to reduce idle time with gps that tracks the idle, assist operators to be aware of the time, and improving minimize start up and less machine idle to warm up.

Two staff members positions changed from nonexempt to exempt-88 becoming salaried positions. One is the Gas Technician and the other position Environmental Health and Safety.

vi. Strategic plan – Recycling and Contracts

One of the strategic goals is to influence state policy and Peralta has been working with containment of Lithium-Ion batteries. Peralta shared he has been working with Dane and Brown Counties to get battery containing devices. Currently the WDNR is reviewing the Universal Waste Rules. Some of the rules have antifreeze, light bulbs, and oil in the list and staff is trying to add lithium-ion containing devices to the list to be regulated and put into the universal waste rule. Staff is continuing to create educational packets to “get the know” to the public with the hope of less fires in landfills throughout the state.

Hagenbucher added Portage County expressed interest in installing sorting equipment. The equipment that was in the facility before was removed from being outdated and are looking to get new sorting equipment in the Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) site. In 2007, Portage County was brining tonnage to Marathon County based on a contract that was in place until 2032. Waste Management (WM) was taking waste from their Weston transfer station and taking it to Cranberry Creek. A Swap Agreement was put in place stating WM would take to Wisconsin Rapids and Portage County would take waste to Marathon County. This swap agreement was up in 2022. A new contract with a few changes and the agreement will be shown at the March meeting.

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow through: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

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

A. Saturday Schedule

Hagenbucher after researching and discussing with staff the Saturday schedule, it is proposed to be closed Saturdays from December through March due to the lack of customers and the drop of tonnage, and to resume the scheduled Saturday hours from April to November.

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/MASZK TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF SATURDAY HOURS BEING CLOSED SATURDAYS IN MARCH, RESUMING APRIL TO NOVEMBER 8 TO 11:30 A.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow through: Staff will make the above changes for the Saturday hours.

B. Asbestos Rates

Hagenbucher shared the asbestos rates were at \$150 per ton and was reduced to \$56 per ton and now are seeing asbestos coming in from Ashland Outagamie counties. With the level of risks, more safety trainings, staff training, utilizing GPS equipment so don't ever drill a gas well in the future where its located. The risk of asbestos is if it would be airborne, trenching the material in the area, and shipping manifest.

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY BRIMMER/DRABEK TO ADD A \$35 COD FEE ON ALL ASBESTOS COMING INTO THE LANDFILL. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow through: Staff will implement a service fee for asbestos.

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7. Announcements / Requests
8. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the members **MOTION /SECOND BY / TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:15 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Hagenbucher
Interim Director-Solid Waste Department
DH:BI March 9, 2023