



**MARATHON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
October 14th, 2024, MINUTES**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Thomas Seubert - Chair	X	
Jean Maszk – Vice Chair	X	
Kerry Brimmer	X	
Allen Drabek	X	
Tim Sondelski	X	
Jason Wilhelm	X	
Harlyn Woodward	X	
Al Christensen	X	
Marylin Bhend	X	

Also present: Dave Hagenbucher- (SWD), Laurie Miskimins– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ).
Tom Lovlien – Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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 - NONE

3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 9th, 2024, Meeting

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK/WILHELM TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2024, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action

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A. Future Clay Locations

SWD is about 2 years away from needing a new location for clay. The costs associated can be expensive and the process could take time, so recommended we start looking now. County Forest parcels may be an option. County Forest Administrator, Tom Lovlien explained the assumed process to get clay out of County Forest. This is a new process for Marathon County, so steps will need to be confirmed. State statute 28.11 will apply if we go this route. We will need more guidance from DNR. First need to evaluate. Need to confirm permitting and approvals necessary from County Board. Overall, would need to understand how long we need to extract clay and the estimated amount. There would be approvals from County Board, DNR, possibly CPZ and or Towns depending on location chosen. There would also be some fees associated with this.

Lovlien went over 3 sites that might be a potential for exploration. Each site may have drawbacks (i.e. contract buyout, etc.). It is estimated an entire 40 acres would likely be needed for 15 years. Holes would be backfilled as we go. SWD can stockpile clay onsite if needed and this would shorten time, they need to extract from a County Forest site, but this would also involve managing for erosion. Reclamation of the site after extraction also needs to be worked out.

A desktop study is the next step, to include identifying the process, real costs, and conducting boring to confirm soils. DNR is not aware of any other county using their land for this purpose. Lovlien and Hagenbucher will also make updates to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee and the Environmental Resources Committee.

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN/DRABEK TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF COUNTY

FOREST LANDS FOR CLAY RESOURCES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

B. Level of Service

There are numerous complaints every year regarding having to drive trucks/own materials into the landfill (an average of 1 person a week or less than 1% of all customers). If you have 4-wheel drive vehicle you are directed to drive your items into the landfill (vs. using a dumpster which costs the user an extra fee; and the more people who can drive in the more, we reduce our dumpster costs). There are about 150-160 transactions a day and 40-50 are pick-up trucks or trailers, usually capable of driving in. The signage can be hard to follow, and the route/terrain can be slightly uneven.

The question to the SWMB: Is this the level of service we want to provide, or do we need to budget funds for more dumpsters or better roads into the landfill? The general feeling was that gravel roads would be expensive, hard to maintain, and largely inefficient.

NEXT STEPS: Continue to offer the dumpster use at a fee to the user and improve signage for getting items into the landfill and unloading.

C. Farmhouse

House is not used at all. No departments have use for this. Maintenance is becoming too much. SWD recommends selling it. A new owner would remain eligible for well testing, unsure if they would receive annual payments. Need to work with CPZ to confirm any land divisions that might need to be done and confirm septic is working. Then SWD would work with Corporation Counsel on options to sell it.

NEXT STEPS: SWMB is in favor of exploring selling options. Work with Corporation Counsel and CPZ to determine options for selling.

D. Wausau Leachate Update

Around late 2019 Domtar said they did not want the Landfill's leachate anymore. We have been trucking it great distances. Wausau Wastewater would be a better location. On October 1st, met with Wausau Water Commission. They need to see what the PFAs impact on Wausau Wastewater effluent would be. Currently, Plover taking 80% of SWD leachate and Plover is maintaining required PFAs levels for effluent level standard.

6. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action – None

7. 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 11th, 2024. The location and time are to be determined.

SWMB asked at a future meeting to discuss capital improvements shared costs that we have with Portage and Shawano.

8. Announcements / Requests

9. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN/MASZK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:18PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hagenbucher
Director- Solid Waste Department
DH:LM October 14th, 2024