



**MARATHON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Minutes  
November 11, 2019

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Roger Zimmermann	X	
Alan Christensen	X	
Jean Maszk	X	
Maynard Tremelling	X	
Myron Podjaski	X	
Kerry Brimmer	X	
Brad Lenz	X	
Thomas Seubert	X	
Jim Bove	X	

**Others present:** Meleesa Johnson – 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 Zimmerman at the large conference room, 210 River Dr., Wausau, WI.

2. Public Comment – 15 Minutes – NONE

3. Approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK / SEUBERT TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

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

A. Director's Report

i. Departmental operational and administrative information

Johnson shared with the board the position changes within the department. Eric Olson, who is an operator, was hired for the Environmental Landfill Gas Technician position. Jessica, the scale operator is training on other equipment, along with training Justin Brooks on the scale due to being on light duty from an out of work injury, Ron Smith resigned in early August, Abby Lichtscheidl, who was an operator, is now the Solid Waste Manager in Portage County. Currently, the Solid Waste Department is in the process of hiring 2 operators to fill the vacancies.

Johnson handed out the cash flow analysis and tonnage report. The tonnage report shows the numbers being up from other months and years due to more projects being disposed of at the landfill. The earnings go back in the fund for future projects within the Solid Waste Department.

Brad Karger - County Administrator, Dave Hagenbucher and Johnson met with Domtar representatives about the polyfluoroalkyl / perfluoroalkyl leachate that has been treated at Domtar Paper Mill without charge since 1980's. If charges would have accrued, it would cost approximately \$250,000 annually to take the leachate to Domtar. Domtar stated they no longer want to take and use the leachate. Johnson discussed some options for other sources of disposal of the leachate. The City of Wausau and Stevens Point are possibilities to take the leachate. It is estimated that 10-15 million gallons of leachate is collected a year at the landfill. Construction of the clay layer is complete on Bluebird Ridge.

ii. Legislative & regulatory update

Johnson stated at this time there are not any legislative updates at this time.

**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. Update: Adopt-A-Dumpster deer carcasses collection program

The DNR contacted the Solid Waste Department about the deer carcass collection program. The Town of Johnson, Town of Knowlton and the Ringle Landfill will be collection sites. Harter's Fox Valley (Harter's) will be delivering the boxes on November 20th and pick up the boxes December 11th. The DNR will have more information available on their website.

**Action:** NONE AT THIS TIME.

**Follow through:** FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

B. 2020 Budget review

Johnson reviewed the entire budget for the Solid Waste Department that was included in the packet, highlighting the 3 different landfill areas, Area B and Long Term Care for Area A, Household Hazardous Waste, that is paid for through Bluebird Ridge through tipping, and Bluebird Ridge are handled by Johnson.

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow through: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

C. Strategic planning – reevaluate and update Strategic Goal 4 and its objectives

The fourth strategic goal was discussed and agreed upon to keep the goal as it states; Shift the paradigm to alternative uses for waste. The five objectives under the goal were reviewed with the following changes being made.

- Objective 1: Extend the lifespan of the landfill change - Maximize the efficiency of the landfill
- Objective 2: Assess current construction and demolition waste resources- no change
- Objective 3: Review construction and demolition regulations- remove
- Objective 4: Maximize productive use of food resources change - Facilitate productive uses of wasted food
- Objective 5: Reward construction and demolition recycling and reuse- no change

A new objective to be added stating Evaluate potential for mattress recycling. The board requested staff to reorganize the Objectives to flow better.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK / SEUBERT TO KEEP THE GOAL AS STATED AND CHANGE THE OBJECTIVES AS STATED ABOVE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow through: Staff will update the Strategic Goal 4 and its objectives.

6. Next Regular Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board

Board members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next meeting December 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, Wi.

7. Announcements / Requests – NONE

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members **ZIMMERMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meleesa Johnson  
Director-Solid Waste Department  
MJ: BI  
January 14, 2020