

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, February 26th, 2024**
at the Resource Recovery Office, 2561 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

- 1) Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Member Mike VanLanen 2:30 pm.

- 2) Roll Call:
Present: Sean Gehin
Bill Seleen
Mike VanLanen
Norb Dantine
Michael Lefebvre

Excused: John Katers, Chair
Mark VandenBusch
John Myers

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Katie Platten, Brown County P&RR
Matt Scholze, Town of Holland
Chris Anderson, FOTH
Brian Rickert, Village of Ashwaubenon

- 3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Michael Lefebvre. Unanimously approved.

- 4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of November 20th, 2023 Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the November 20th, 2023 meeting was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Sean Gehin. Unanimously approved.

- 5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen thanked the Solid Waste Board Members for moving the meeting back one week to allow agenda items to be compiled. Mr. Haen also mentioned that

Kevin Gannon will be joining the Solid Waste Board as a new member to fill the vacant position.

6) Resolution – Sale of Property to Town of Holland – Request for Approval

Mr. Haen reviewed the previously discussed sale of property to the Town of Holland. The finished resolution was handed out at the meeting. A split cost on appraisal of the land and selling at \$11,000 per acre was agreed upon. The Town of Holland is responsible for survey costs to create the new parcels. The sale will reduce the long term revenue that the Resource Recovery Department earns in farmland rental, but ultimately the acres have no solid waste use for the County. The County would like to help the town in pursuit of a new town hall.

A motion to approve Resolution – Sale of Property to Town of Holland was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Sean Gehin. Unanimously approved.

7) Bid #2653 SLF East Access Haul Road – Request for Approval

Chad Doverspike presented drone footage of the South Landfill and discussed the South Landfill access road bid results. Between the time the bids were sent out and received, the Brown County Highway Department reached out to assist with the project. The Brown County Departments have worked well together historically on many projects, with only the most recent years requiring similar projects to go to bid. Resource Recovery staff at the South Landfill will split tasks during the project construction period, with three staff members with previous construction experience assisting the Highway Department and learning about culvert installation, while remaining staff continuing regular landfill operations.

Staff provided information regarding the lowest bid received which was \$128,000 from Relyco Plus. The Highway Department's offer is closer to \$75,000 with the added benefit of educating staff for similar projects in the future. Mr. Doverspike recommended rejecting all bids. Further discussion regarding specific project details occurred.

A motion to reject all bids for Bid#2653 SLF East Access Haul Road was made by Sean Gehin and seconded by Nob Dantine. Unanimously approved.

8) Wisconsin Solid Waste & Recycling Legislation

Mark Walter spoke on recent legislation that has been introduced to state legislators that are of interest to the Solid Waste Board.

a. Senate Bill 866 (E-Cycle Program Changes)

Mr. Walter discussed updates to the e-Cycle law which requires electronics manufacturers to recycle a certain weight of electronics based on what they sell in the state. When first

written, the law's requirements were based on heavier component weights. In recent years the weight of electronics have decreased significantly, making it harder for the manufacturers to meet their weight requirements. Updates to the law will be to adjust the weight requirements and add new items to the allowed list. A discussion on the e-Cycle program occurred in regard to retailers vs. manufacturers, collectors vs. recyclers, and online retail sales of electronics.

b. Senate Bill 876 (Recycling Education)

Mr. Walter provided information on a recently introduced recycling education bill. The bill will provide funding to the DNR and allow them to provide statewide education on recycling. Mr. Walter commented that it is not likely to be passed without additional bipartisan support.

c. Senate Bill 906 (Battery Education and Grants)

The Battery Education bill will create programs to educate on rechargeable batteries, and set up collection programs via grant funds. The bill has bipartisan support and will likely move forward. Michael Lefebvre asked if a program similar to the e-Cycle bill could be considered. Mr. Walter indicated that it would be unlikely to be considered in the current legislature.

d. Senate Bill 721 (Food Waste Grants)

The final bill discussed would set up grant programs to allow communities to pilot food waste reduction programs around the state. Mr. Gehin and Mr. Walter discussed the previous program that Brown County Resource Recovery piloted with Sanimax for a food waste collection, which ultimately ended due to the partnership dissolving during the early stages of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A discussion about increased food prices and how that correlates to food waste occurred. Also discussed were options for curbside composting programs and local collection programs.

9) BOW Open House – March 20th, 2024

The Solid Waste Board had a conversation about attending an upcoming BOW Open House at the Tri-County Recycling facility in Appleton, WI. A tour through the facility and viewing the new robotics will occur after a brief meeting of the Board. Staff discussed the speed of the recycling line with the addition of robotics.

10) South Landfill

Mr. Doverspike gave an update on the South Landfill operations. The fourth lift of the landfill is starting, with gas extraction and leachate recirculation lines being installed on the top of the third lift. Plans for the Sequence Two excavation have begun with the clay haul

road being created and clay excavation as staff is available. Mr. Doverspike discussed the installation of pipelines across Brown County property by Dynamics which have wandered outside of the easement agreement.

11) Director's Report

Mr. Haen gave an update on the construction projects at the East Landfill with the installation of the road to the new leachate tank by Relyco. Mr. Doverspike continues to work with Foth Infrastructure on floor replacement and subfloor issues at the Waste Transfer Station. Lastly, infrared cameras are to be installed at the Recycling Transfer Station and tested for fire detection capabilities.

on the Board and staff discussed the South Landfill elevation and timeline to begin working on a second landfill cell.

12) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

None.

13) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike VanLanen.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 3:30PM.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
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