

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024**
at the Tri-County Recycling Facility, 1419 Holland Road, Appleton, WI 54911

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Member Norb Dantine at 9:02 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: Sean Gehin
Bill Seleen
John Myers
Norb Dantine
Michael Lefebvre
Kevin Gannon

Excused: John Katers, Chair
Mark VandenBusch
Mike VanLanen

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Brian Rickert, Village of Ashwaubenon

3) Open House Tour of Tri-County Recycling Facility

Solid Waste Board Members and Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Staff present attended the Open House Tour of Tri-County Recycling's new dairy container sorting robotics. Afterwards, the group began their meeting at the same facility.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

5) Approval/Modification – Minutes of February 26th, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2024 meeting was made by Sean Gehin and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

6) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen thanked the Solid Waste Board for accommodating the mid-week meeting to attend the tour of the Tri-County Recycling Facility. Mr. Haen and Mark Walter talked about the benefit of Brown County's participation in the BOW Partnership and how the robotics assist with staffing shortages. There was a discussion on the recycling market and the way that Brown and surrounding counties operate their recycling hauling.

7) 2023 Resource Recovery Annual Report – Request for Approval

Mr. Haen presented and gave a review of the 2023 Annual Report for Brown County's Resource Recovery Department. Mr. Haen began with discussing the changes that were seen in direct hauls to the South Landfill. While the Waste Transfer Station remains a vital service for the area, customers were encouraged to haul as much material as possible directly to the landfill to alleviate congestion at the Waste Transfer Station. MR. Haen was asked why shingle recycling at the Transfer Station was causing congestion to which he explained that it requires one of the two heavy equipment operators to exit the station and push up the pile and that it is more efficient for the recycler to access the South Landfill.

Mr. Haen continued his overview with a discussion on the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility. He talked about the changes in amount of materials accepted which was due to out of county collection ceasing because of staffing shortages arising from pandemic issues.

The unaudited budget status report was mentioned.

Mr. Haen covered the 2023 Goals that were achieved or in progress as well as the goals for 2024. Norb Dantine asked for clarification on the 2024 goal of acquiring an additional "Partner County" for the Hazardous Material Recovery program when as discussed previously, the out of county collection was no longer happening. Mr. Haen explained that a Partner County would bring material to HMR and would not affect hours of operation and would help offset costs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2024 goals of the South Landfill with the installation of a road, installation of the leachate and gas collection lines, and west haul road. Upcoming excavation of the next cell and the abundance of clay that will become available was discussed. Kevin Gannon offered some excavating companies that might be available to bid for the job.

Mr. Haen talked about the remaining goals for the East and West Landfills, Recycling Transfer Station, and Hazardous Material Recovery Facility. Mr. Haen asked for any suggestions or corrections and was not offered any.

A motion to approve 2023 Resource Recovery Annual Report was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by John Myers. Unanimously approved.

8) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law
None.

9) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Seleen and seconded by Sean Gehin.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 10:55 AM.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department