

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, November 18th, 2019**
at the Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present: John Katers, Chair
Mark VandenBusch, Vice-Chair
Norb Dantine
Michael Lefebvre
Mike VanLanen
Bud Harris
Dave Landwehr

Excused: Doug Martin

Un-Excused: Bill Seleen

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR
Chris Anderson, Foth
Tom VandeWettering, Interested Party

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of September 16th, 2019

A motion to approve the September 16, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen updated the Solid Waste Board on the County Board's approval of the 2020 budget as presented.

6) Foth Contract Extension

Mr. Haen stated that the Brown County Resource Recovery Department recommends approval to extend the contract with Foth for another three years. Foth will assist with

opening the new South Landfill and with the first year of operation. Foth agreed to no rate increase unless CPI-W exceeds 3% in any year..

A motion to approve the Foth Contract Extension for the next three year was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Mark Vandebusch. Unanimously approved.

7) Transfer Station Scale Project

Chad Doverspike showed photos of the new scale, scale house, and kiosks built at the Waste Transfer Station. He also informed the Solid Waste Board that both scales now have RFID readers and stop lights. The remodeled scalehouse is set closer to the first scale and allows for a better line of sight for the scale operator. Electronic signage is soon to be installed. These electronic signs will allow the department the ability to change the messages on the signs to fit the Transfer Station's needs.

8) PFAS

Mr. Haen informed the Solid Waste Board of a new contaminant of concern called PFAs. PFAs are found in ground and surface water. The most common uses include: Teflon pan coating, Gortex garments, stain resistant furniture & carpets and fire retardants among many other products. This contaminant has been around since the early 1940s. Humans are exposed to PFAs through drinking water, dust, clothing, soaps, lotions, and other products. The EPA put together a drinking water standard for PFAs of 70 parts per trillion. Wisconsin is setting their drinking water standard at 20 parts per trillion and setting standards for 36 of the most common 4,500 types of PFAs.

As a landfill, Brown County is not a generator of this contaminant, however it does receive materials containing PFAs and therefore is a cause for concern.

9) South Landfill

Mr. Haen explained that the Department received a Plan of Operation completeness letter for the South Landfill (SLF) from the WDNR. The WDNR has up to 90 days to review the submittal.

The Department will start sampling the private wells for the first of eight rounds of background sampling.

Mr. Doverspike explained that excavation bids are set to begin December 2019-January 2020 with excavating beginning May 1st, 2020. Plans to fence the property next year are also being made.

10) Letter of Support for Outagamie NW Landfill

Mr. Haen stated that Outagamie is pursuing a Northwest landfill. The WDNR would not give them a feasibility determination without a letter of support from both Winnebago and Brown counties demonstrating a need for additional disposal capacity. Any use of this landfill will only occur under a new BOW agreement.

11) Utilization Strategy for Rate Stabilization Fund

Mr. Haen stated that the goal from 2012 was to have \$1million in the Rate Stabilization fund for the SLF and right now, the fund has \$1.1 million. The County is working with its

largest municipal customers to determine the best way to utilize this fund so it can be a point of discussion during the formation of new agreements.

Mr. Haen's recommendation for the use of the fund is for the municipalities to see an increase of \$2 per ton over 4 years to reach the estimated rate increase of \$8 per ton instead of an \$8/ton rate increase the day the landfill opens. This option will, however, require the need for an extra \$400,000 be added to the rate stabilization fund to offset the tipping fee increase for 4 years.

12) Gas-to-Energy Project

Mr. Doverspike announced that all of the Gas-to-Energy equipment that was used at the East Landfill for the past 10 years was sold on Wisconsin Surplus for \$40,000. All of the taxes and Wisconsin Surplus fees were paid by the buyer. Currently, all of the equipment is still in the building, but has been decommissioned. The buyer plans on paying rent to keep the equipment in the building until they have a buyer for the equipment.

Bud Harris asked if the project ended up being cost effective to which Mr. Haen answered that between the money that it made during its run and the selling of the used equipment, the County may have at best broke even. The initial plan was to make several million dollars with the project, but the landfill did not produce as much gas as initially estimated. Staff will prepare a summary of the project and report back to Solid Waste Board.

13) Director's Report

Mr. Haen mentioned that it would be in the best interest of the County to hire its own Transfer Station heavy equipment operators. An analysis will be shared with the Board upon completion.

Starting January 1, 2020, Brown County will charge customers \$25 per frozen load for roll-offs as it takes time to scrape out frozen material. There has been some push back regarding this change.

Dirty shingles are no longer accepted for recycling. They can be disposed of along with regular refuse. Clean shingles are still being accepted for recycling.

The next Solid Waste Board Meeting will be in January 2020.

14) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

15) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.