

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, January 20th, 2020**
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
 Doug Martin
 Bud Harris
 Dave Landwehr
 Bill Seleen

Excused: Mike VanLanen

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
 Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
 Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
 Samantha Cooper, Brown County P&RR
 Ben Hintz, Brown County P&RR
 Chris Anderson, Foth
 Mike Geiger, Town of Holland
 Dan Leick, Fox Shore Disposal

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by Doug Martin. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of November 18th, 2019

A motion to approve the November 18, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen announced that the WDNR has approved the South Landfill Plan of Operation.

6) South Landfill Excavation & Site Work RFB

Chad Doverspike explained that a bulk excavation site walkthrough occurred at the beginning of January and all vendors had to undergo a bidder's qualification. The department ended up receiving four total submittals for the RFB. The lowest bid amount received was \$4,763,639. Dave Landwehr asked what the budgeted amount for the excavation work of the landfill was, to which Mr. Doverspike answered \$4.8 million. For this year, the department has about \$6 million in the budget to go towards south landfill (SLF) construction projects.

John Katers asked if there were any type of reference checks done on the vendors that had submitted bids to which Mr. Doverspike answered that the minimum bidder's qualification included that the vendor must have had to have moved at least 250,000 yards of dirt in the past five years.

A motion to approve the South Landfill Excavation & Site Work RFB to award Mashuda Contractors the bid for \$4,763,639 was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by Doug Martin. Unanimously approved.

7) 2020 Public Communication Plan

Mr. Haen announced that the communication plan for this year includes more content about the preparation and progress of the SLF and new BOW agreement.

The department's Clerk/Typist, Samantha Cooper, will be working with the public relations team to coordinate more social media coverage and content, freeing up more time for Leonard and Finco to focus on the BOW agreement and SLF coverage.

A motion to approve the 2020 Communication Plan was made by John Katers and seconded by Mike Lefebvre. Unanimously approved.

8) Environmental Groundwater Monitoring RFQ

Mr. Haen stated that the last time groundwater monitoring services was priced out was in 2015 and County contracts must be bid out every five years. The Badger Labs price quote for 2020-25 is less than in 2015-20.

9) Transfer Station Electronic Signage

Mr. Doverspike announced that all of the signage has now been installed and programmed. The timing of the stop-and-go lights at the scales are still being adjusted.

10) Utilization Strategy for Rate Stabilization Fund

Mr. Haen stated that the municipalities currently would like to use the Rate Stabilization Fund to slowly increase the Tipping Fee after the South Landfill opens in order to better budget their finances. Brown County has come up with four different options to incrementally adjust the tipping fee:

- Option 1: \$2.50 per year increase
- Option 2: \$2 per year increase
- Option 3: \$1.50 per year increase
- Option 4: \$1 per year increase

These options will be discussed with both the city of Green Bay and city of DePere to identify any concerns prior to discussing the options with the other municipalities to receive their input and guidance. A new Solid Waste Management Services Agreement will be drafted melding the current Solid Waste and Recycling Agreements and incorporating the utilization of the Rate Stabilization Fund. A draft will also be shared with the cities of Green Bay and De Pere.

11) Director's Report

Mr. Haen stated that GAD had offered Brown County a three year extension with no cost increase. They did, however, want to discuss frozen loads and how they would be compensated for their time cleaning out frozen boxes. The Resource Recovery department has begun to charge frozen load clean-outs at \$25 per box, beginning January 1st, 2020. A device has been purchased to enable faster cleanout.

Mr. Landwehr asked who would be responsible if a truck was damaged as a result of cleanout to which Mr. Haen answered that GAD carries insurance to cover that.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Katers and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

Dan Leick from Fox Shore Disposal shared his concern that GAD was benefiting from the \$25 per box cleanout.

Mr. Haen suggested that to address this concern, the topic should be revisited at a later date and if necessary the frozen load fee be adjusted based on efficiency of the new frozen-load clean out equipment.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Haen continued on to discuss the gas-to-energy facility that was open at the East Landfill. The project generated \$4.9 million in revenue but ended up in the loss of \$1.2 million. Mr. Haen also went on to mention that the private well testing has begun at the SLF. Only one private well has yet to be tested. Property owners have received their data.

Mr. Doverspike stated that PFAS continue to be an emerging contaminant of concern and staff is actively engaged on the topic through our involvement in state and national associations.

An announcement was made that the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference will be happening at the end of February and Board members are invited to attend.

12) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

13) Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Lefebvre.
Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.**

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
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