

PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **February 20, 2012** at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Chair
 Ray Kopish
 Mark Vanden Busch
 John Kennedy
 Mike Van Lanen
 Norb Dantine
 Mike Fleck
 Bud Harris
 Lisa Bauer-Lotto

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW
 Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&SW
 Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

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

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2012 was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.

5. Annual Report 2011 – Request for Approval

The intent of the Annual Report is to provide an end of the year performance evaluation to our Solid Waste stakeholders. The Annual Report includes environmental and economic data, financial highlights and fund balances. 2011 accomplishments included:

- ◆ Reduction in West Landfill monitoring.
- ◆ East Landfill was the first in the state to receive an approval to recirculate leachate back into a closed landfill.

- ◆ Initiated analysis on ways to increase gas production at the Gas-to-Energy Facility.
- ◆ Improved West Landfill stormwater drainage.
- ◆ 100% compliance with landfill air permits at both West and East LF's.
- ◆ Replaced transfer station concrete floor with no service interruptions.

On the Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste portion of the department the following highlights were discussed:

- ◆ Recycled more than 20,300 tons of single stream returning more than \$1.1M in revenue to customers
- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste served more than 10,000 customers and collected more than 1,000,000 pounds of hazardous material.

The Board is seeking recommendations for strategies in order to better stakeholders about Port and Solid Waste programs. The annual report will be sent to elected officials, internal County contacts, and municipal and private customers. The new quarterly solid waste e-Newsletter started in November 2011 and will be used as another outreach tool. The Board suggested that the Solid Waste department look into developing its own logo for customers and the public to identify with the department and program.

The mantra of the recycling program was discussed; reduce, reject, repair, reuse, recycle, compost. A few suggestions were offered to replace the word 'reject' as it conveys a negative connotation and use the words 'reconsider', 'resource' or 'conservation' as possible alternatives. Part of the comparison of recycling programs in consumer markets, such as with Wal-Mart's recycling programs, convey a slightly more positive message about recycling.

A motion to approve the Annual Report as presented along with modifications that have been suggested was made by John Katers and seconded by Bud Harris. Unanimously approved.

6. Shingle Recycling Program – *Request for Approval*

Staff is working on creating a shingle recycling program at the transfer station. Chad Doverspike is working with the DNR regarding the necessary permits for storage and possible processing locations for this shingle recycling program. The program is a potential value-added service for our customers and will be designed to more than cover our costs.

A pad would need to be constructed at the transfer station. The pad would be leased out to a vendor for the sorting and processing of the shingles. Staff is proposing a 24 month return on investment for the pad construction.

A motion to approve the continuation of this project was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Ray Kopish. Unanimously approved.

7. Household Hazardous Waste Program– Update

Out-of-county collections will begin in March this year. The collection schedule in the packet indicates collection days that are for general public and for Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, where extra staffing is needed in HHW.

Brown County HHW began charging for latex paint intake in February 2012. Neither Winnebago nor Outagamie Counties take latex paint as part of their collections. Surprisingly, there have not been complaints yet about the charge for the paint intake. The only downfall so far in this latex intake process is the extra time needed at the cash register. Any latex paint that is not being put into the exchange program is being shipped to a latex recycler in Minnesota who recycles 100% of paint.

Last year the approximate cost of processing a can of latex paint was about \$2.50 per can. Beginning this year in February, the HHW program is charging a fee of \$1.00 per gallon can. This offsets the processing costs of each can significantly.

A motion to receive and place on file was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck. Unanimously approved.

8. Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement – Update

Seven of the eight urban municipalities have committed to signing a Solid Waste management agreement with Brown County upon completion of contract with Oneida Energy, Inc. Within the next couple of weeks, the attorneys of the municipalities are meeting with the county attorney to finalize the agreement. Negotiations with Oneida Energy continue. Oneida Energy received a \$1.1 million grant for installation of renewable energy.

9. Director's Report

Outagamie County is now using their own landfill. Brown County is still utilizing Winnebago County landfill until around March 15. Sometime after that date, Brown County will transition to using the Outagamie County landfill.

The Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station has an electronic recycling program at the transfer station for customers who unknowingly deliver electronics. This is not open for the public but rather a service to haulers.

The Strategic plan continues to be in the works with stakeholders. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012. As the plan progresses, documentation will be presented and it is scheduled to be completed by June.

The vacant back area of the MRF currently has two companies interested in leasing including using the baler. Bids will be sought from both vendors.

County Executive Streckenbach will be creating a waste committee. It may be an extension to the Solid Waste Board or something independent. The motive behind it is for economic development and waste reduction in the county.

The Wisconsin DOT is grandfathering in any current haulers on the Highway 41 reconstruction project regarding weight limits. Congress is working on a revision of interstate weight limits going from 80,000 to 97,000 tons nationwide.

Currently, Brown County is looking at keeping the Port & Solid Waste Department as it is with no additional merging of departments.

10. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

There were no other matters to discuss.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Norb Dantine.

Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

John Katers, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Dean Haen, Interim Director
Port & Solid Waste Department