

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **February 16, 2015** at the Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Chair
Mark Vanden Busch, Vice-Chair
Norb Dantine, Treasurer
Dave Landwehr
Bud Harris
Ken Pabich
Lisa Bauer-Lotto
Mike Van Lanen

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County
Chad Doverspike, Brown County
Mark Walter, Brown County
Mark Olson, Badgerland Buildings
Neil VanBould, Badgerland Buildings

3. Approval/Modification – *Meeting Agenda*

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

4. Approval/Modification – *Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2014*

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Mark Vanden Busch. Unanimously approved.

5. Announcements/Communications – *Update*

Board Chair John Katers announced that \$4 million dollars' worth of funding for state municipal recycling programs and the UW system Solid Waste Research Council and the Solid Waste Education Center are proposed to be eliminated from the state budget, seriously affecting long-standing state programs. Mr. Chad Doverspike then announced four associations Brown County

belongs to will be writing letter addressing the Governor's planned budget cuts. Discussion whether Brown County should additionally write letter was discussed and decided the associations will represent County interests

6. 2014 Annual Report – Request for Approval

Mr. Dean Haen opened the discussion with an explanation of the 2014 annual report. The new vision of the Solid Waste Board Last fall is reflected. Overall business activities highlights of the Resource Recovery area included 130,000 tons of municipal solid waste went through the transfer station, construction/demolition continues to increase, along with the shingles recycling, which briefly decreased in 2014, and finally stated that appliances and metal collection had increased significantly. Mr. Haen then stated that electronics collection at Household Hazardous Waste has significantly decreased, saying that other companies are increasing competition for electronics collections, and added that overall HHW usage has decreased since charging for paint began.

Mr. Haen then discussed the 2014 accomplishment, which included reengineering the South Landfill and design a resource recovery park, \$1.9M expansion of the recycling facility, advancement of installing a compactor at the recycling transfer station and improving our financial performance on long-term investments. Some goals that were deferred or incomplete included signing a Solid Waste Agreement with Green Bay, exploring BOW resource sharing and initiating BOW discussion on renegotiating regional landfill agreement.

Mr. Haen then announced his goals for 2015 including among others, expanding building and installing compactor, renegotiate HHW agreements, evaluate wood waste and pharmaceutical recycling, , increase HHW VSQG marketing and redesign transfer station unloading area.

Chairman Katers requested unfinished 2014 goals be added to 2015 including solid waste agreement extensions. Haen meet with urban municipalities and felt the municipalities were marginally interested. Pabich said the municipalities are worried that the County's interest in extensions was to divide the municipalities, where one community would get a better rate than another. Chairman Katers and Haen committed that the intent of the extensions was to minimize the risk of losing large amounts of tonnage in any one year. In addition, the agreement was negotiated with all urban municipality's input so everyone is treated the same. In fact, Green Bay has tried to negotiate different terms in the agreement and Brown County has been unwilling to modify the agreement that was signed by all the other municipalities. Van Lanen asked about expanding recycling of farm plastic. Mark Walter then discussed possible recycling programs for agricultural plastics, stating that the costs associated don't make the collection of such plastics cost effective. Dantine requested researching wetland mitigation banks and recycling outreach to Brown County School District. Mr. Haen then stated that these amended goals will be added to the annual report and staff will be work to complete them.

A motion to approve the 2014 Annual Report was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

7. Recycling Compactor & Building Expansion Bid – Request for Approval

Mr. Chad Doverspike began the discussion about the building expansion and compactor installation bid, stating that Foth was hired to put together the specifications, and five different

vendors bid on the project and Badgerland Builders put in the lowest bid. The fifteen bid items were broken down and allocated to which costs would be BOW or Brown County, understanding that 40% of the BOW cost will be paid for by Brown County. Mr. Doverspike stated that the installation and compactor equipment were 100% paid for by BOW. The electrical system costs were 25% related to installation of the compactor. WPS stated that it would cost \$15,000 to run a new meter service to the compactor, and a \$15,000 allowance was given to each vendor. This costs would also be a BOW cost. Total engineering is \$73,900. The total BOW cost for the compactor is \$217,060 and Brown County's cost for the building expansion is \$304,430. Brown County's total budget for the project was set at \$525,000, and the actual costs including engineering will be about \$520,000, putting the County within budget. Mr. Doverspike then stated that he would like a Seabright compactor installed, and he believed that that was indeed the case.

A motion to approve the Recycling Compactor and Building Expansion Bid was made by Ken Pabich and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.

8. South Landfill/Resource Recovery Park Project by Foth Companies – Update

Mr. Dean Haen then stated that 4 out of 5 memos were completed. The attached memo #5 was regarding anaerobic digestions systems and the results of the research paint a grim picture today, but hopefully between now and the operation of the South Landfill economic conditions will change enabling these type of systems being cost effective part of our system. Memo #2 will be presented at the March meeting and the final report will be presented at the April meeting

A motion to receive and place on file the South Landfill/ Resource Recovery Park was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

9. Environmental Monitoring RFP Results – Update

Mr. Doverspike stated that an RFQ, not an RFP was issued for environmental monitoring for the West and East landfills, Bayport, and Renard Island. The previously awarded RFQ was for only three locations not including Renard Island. Annually, about \$56,000 was paid for the three locations. Renard Island monitoring was handled separately for \$25,000. All four combined as part of this RFQ resulted in a total cost savings of about \$20,000/year, with half being realized by resource recovery and the other half by the port. Mr. Doverspike then concluded that this decision would be a great money saving opportunity for the County.

A motion to approve the environmental monitoring RFP results was made by Ken Pabich, and Seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

10. BOW Shingle Recycling RFP Results – Update

Mr. Doverspike started the discussion that this RFP was another example of the many things shared between the three counties, such as landfills, hazardous waste, and recycling Shingle recycling effort would be added to this list of collaborative efforts. He then stated that the current vendor for shingles Forward Vision Environmental, had signed a five year agreement with us that expires this summer have informed Brown County they are going out of business. Mr. Doverspike then stated the advantages of Forward Vision for shingle recycling was because of their location across from the transfer station and the ease of using our scale to weight shingle

customers. The location across the street will be available for lease. . The BOW RFP had several responders all looking for on-site property. Mr. Doverspike would like to keep the current arrangement, stating that multiple people had gotten in contact with him in regards to setting up another shingle recycler. Mr. Dean Haen then added that he would like the shingle recycler to be off of transfer station property, stating the reason behind this decision is the fact that there is very little space, and that Chad Doverspike would have to commit additional time to managing an on-site operation.

11. Kewaunee County Landfill RFP – Update

Mr. Haen stated that the Kewaunee Landfill must be having some financial and/or political concerns regarding a future expansion of their landfill which currently has about 4 years of remaining capacity which has resulted in the release of an RFP for the sale or lease of their existing landfill. Brown County has met with the Kewaunee County Highway Commissioner and has offered assistance and suggestions, including focusing on filling up their landfill capacity themselves rather than managing the financial and environmental risk of dealing with a third party. Suggestions included filling existing landfill, securing contract for waste, opening a transfer station and joining BOW. Chairman Katers then stated that he would like to be kept up to speed on any updates in the Kewaunee County Landfill, as it could be mutually beneficial partnership someday.

12. Director's Report

Mr. Haen included in packet the 2014 communications outreach report. Mr. Haen informed the Board that the Clerk/Typist II position should be filled by early March 2015. The Solid Waste Board then discussed the benefits and costs of regional composting and whether or not enough benefits both financial and otherwise that could be generated for various municipalities to commit. Meeting with urban public works directors is scheduled for Wednesday.

13. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters as authorized by Law.

14. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

John Katers, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Dean Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department