

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday March 28th, 2016**

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 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present: John Katers, Chair
Mark Vanden Busch, Vice-Chair
Norb Dantine
Ryan Holzem
Lisa Bauer-Lotto
Dave Landwehr

Excused: Bill Seleen
Bud Harris
Mike Van Lanen

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda – *Request for Approval*

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

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of January 18th, 2015 - *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the January 18th 2015 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Ryan Holzem. **Unanimously approved.**

5) Announcements/Communication

There were no announcements from the Department.

Mr. Katers accepted a new position at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay as the Dean of the College of Science and Technology.

6) 2015 Resource Recovery Annual Report – Request for Approval

Mr. Haen opened the discussion with an explanation of the 2015 annual report. Overall business activities highlights of the Resource Recovery area included 136,000 tons of municipal solid waste went through the Solid Waste Transfer Station and another 100,000 tons from Brown County was hauled directly to the BOW landfill. In addition, 27,000 tons of recyclables went through the Recycling Transfer Station at Brown County. With the addition of a 2nd shift in Outagamie County, more material is able to be processed at the Tri-County MRF. The Brown County Household Hazardous Waste Facility handled 800,000 pounds of waste in 2015.

Mr. Haen then discussed the 2015 accomplishments, which included installation of a recycling compactor, reaching out to VSQG generators in health care, dentists and veterinary clinics and extending the life of the gas-to-energy facility. Some goals that were deferred or incomplete in 2015 and in progress in 2016 included researching the feasibility of regional composting with municipalities,, redesigning the transfer station unloading area and explore wood waste recycling.

Mr. Haen then announced the departmental goals for 2016 including, BOW Waste Technology Committee Research on C&D recycling, lease MRF building space, excavate 20-50,000 cy of South Landfill phase one clay, expand drop-off organics program at UW-Extension, evaluate on-site paint recycling and evaluate leachate management options for South Landfill among others.

A motion to approve the 2015 Resource Recovery Annual Report was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by John Katers.

Mr. Katers asked if the BOW contract requires the directors to reaffirm the BOW landfill agreement. Mr. Haen confirmed that the existing BOW Agreement identify 2016 or nearing the completion of the South Landfill BOW partners are to consider the future of the BOW landfill partnership. At this point, resolution of the dispute between Outagamie and Brown County is necessary before any consideration of extending the BOW partnership beyond the South Landfill. .

Motion was carried unanimously.

7) Recycling Compactor and Building Expansion – Update

Mr. Doverspike reported the final BOW compactor costs and how some of the costs are allocated between Brown County and BOW. BOW pays for the compactor and a certain percentage of the electrical, removal of poor soils and engineering. Brown County pays for the building expansion and engineering. The compactor is expected to save \$100,000/year and with the final project costs a return on investment is between 4-5 years. The average truck load because of the compactor is now 22 tons/load. When there are road limits two months out of the year average loads are about 18 tons. Mr. Holzem asked if anything could be done to recoup the extra cost from Foth spent dealing with the contractor. Mr. Doverspike explained that after talking to Risk Management and the Purchasing Department there was not a strong enough case to pursue the matter.

8) Fox River Fiber – Update

Fox River Fiber gave Brown County an extension to March 31st. Brown County will respond to FRF claim by March 31st. The County Executive will be sending a letter to Outagamie County. Mr. Landwehr mentioned that he does not believe that the Outagamie County Executive, Tom Nelson, has brought this issue to the attention of the Outagamie County Board members.

9) Wood Waste Recycling Pilot – Update

Mr. Doverspike explained that the wood waste program is on the 2016 goal list . He provided the scope of services for the meeting; an RFQ is listed on the County website. Mr. Doverspike contacted two companies, Wisconsin Wood Waste and JMB in Plover, WI. Both have good contracts for their clean wood waste. The big obstacle that will need to be worked on is education. This can be accomplished by word-of-mouth, quarterly newsletters, email blasts, etc. Material that is acceptable is any decking or lumber. The scale operators see a lot of this type of material come through. Materials that will not be taken include painted wood, green treated lumber, and stained wood. Rates would mostly likely not change this year since it was not in the budget and can be consider a pilot. Any changes would be seen in the 2017 budget. Mr. Haen stated that if everyone agrees on the wood waste program it would be time to start getting particulars in place and firm prices locked in.

10) Drop-Off Unloading Area – Update

Mr. Doverspike explained that there has been an increase in residential customers at the Solid Waste Transfer Station. The intention for a new drop-off unloading area is to lessen the liability and risk associated with residents in the transfer station unload near trucks and the front end loader. Mr. Doverspike suggests that a residential garbage drop-off is placed in between the scale and the tire area. This was a project built into the budget for 2015 and was carried over to 2016. Bids will be due in April and Mr. Doverspike hopes to have this constructed by mid-July.

11) BOW C&D Recycling Analysis – Update

Mr. Walter explained that the BOW Technology Committee has been looking into the feasibility of a Tri-County C&D recycling facility, three seasons as well as indoor year around. The initial overview made it clear that it is not cost effective at this point. The BOW Technology Committee gave their recommendations to the directors for analysis who will meet with Landfill Reduction & Recycling. BOW considerations for reasonable and stable rates for a 3-5 year period of time include offering Outagamie County's C&D waste as well as lowering disposal rates on fines and residual.. Ms. Bauer Lotto asked what the fines are used for. Mr. Haen explained that fines are beneficially used as daily cover and interior landfill roads. .

12) Director's Report

Mr. Haen explained that the County received an award from NEW Water for meeting federal, state and local wastewater discharge standards and requirements.

Mr. Haen also added that a new intern was hired for the Department. The number of candidates was very low due to the pay for an intern position. Next year he would like to hire someone as a limited term employee in order to be able to offer a higher pay.

Great American Disposal expressed an interest in extending their contract. The Department is willing to listen to what they have to say. The Purchasing Department has rules limiting contracts to five years terms. Mr. Landwehr pointed out that other County contracts have been extended and also wanted staff to consider issuing the RFP now with the awarded start date several years in advance.

13) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

There are 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 3:55 pm.