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PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **APRIL 27, 2009**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Strenski at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Strenski, Vice-Chair
Chuck Rhyner
Norb Dantine
Mike Fleck
Dawn Goodman
John Katers
Allison Swanson

Excused: Jim Rasmussen, Chair
Bud Harris

Also Present: Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Chad Doverspike, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Dale DeNamur, Brown County Purchasing Dept.
Rick Tritt, Inc.

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Chuck Rhyner and seconded by Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes **March 16, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Chuck Rhyner. Unanimously approved.

5. Project #1352

Transfer Station Operation & Solid Waste Hauling Bids – Request for Bid Award

Director Larscheid indicated Project #1352 has been in discussion since last summer. A copy of the bid tabs was distributed and Dale DeNamur, Purchasing reviewed the bid tabs. Seven bids were received (Tritt, Poms, Kreilkamp, Badgerland Express, Great American Disposal, Inland Service Corp, Sexton). Sexton's bid was rejected as it did not meet the requirements of the Bid Price Schedule. DeNamur reviewed the requirements of the hauling bid and explained the calculations indicated in the Bid Results handout. To get the total cost for the 5-year contract, which includes the bond costs, A/B/C/D and E (which is the contract bond) were added to determine the total cost bid. Based on these results, Purchasing's recommendation, along with Administration's financial evaluation, is to recommend Rick Tritt be awarded the bid. Tritt had the lowest price for Project #1352 with

Badgerland Express coming in second. Larscheid indicated he spoke with Lynn in Administration and that a letter is forthcoming regarding the financial evaluations discussed. The lowest three bids were compared and reviewed and all three met the qualifications required. Discussion ensued. Larscheid introduced Rick Tritt to the Board to allow questions from the Board. The starting date would be September 1, 2009. The bid tab is on the County website and indicates unofficial bid results. Following this meeting, the official bid tab will go out on the website. **A motion to award Project #1352 Transfer Station Operation & Solid Waste Hauling for the next five (5) years to the low bidder Rick Tritt was made by Allison Swanson and seconded by Chuck Rhyner.** Unanimously approved.

6. Project #1350

Materials Recycling Facility Sale of Existing Recycling Sorting Equipment – Results Update

Director Larscheid indicated there was little interest from anyone to purchase the recycling equipment. Wess Damro, Recycling Manager, stated that 35 haulers, contractors, consultants, communities, etc., were made aware of the sale. Two parties showed interest and looked at the equipment; one from Milwaukee interested only in parts and a paper recycler interested only in the baler. Neither party has made any further contact. The sale was also posted on the Brown County website. Allison Swanson asked if Derek Lord, City of Green Bay, had been contacted regarding any contacts he may have. Damro stated he had not but would follow-up with Mr. Lord. Larscheid stated the two options now are to hire someone to come in and scrap out the equipment or leave to leave the equipment as is for the time being and solicit quotes down the road. Larscheid indicated there may be possibilities for using the baler such as contract baling. The tip floor when converted to a recycling transfer station for single stream will be tight. A total of \$100,000 has been kept back from the equipment replacement fund to use on modifying the single stream recycling facility tip floor. Larscheid stated that at some point the tip floor will need to be expanded but this will most likely occur after operating for six months to get a better feel for how much space is needed. At that it is anticipated the equipment will have been removed. Staff requested comments or opinions. Strenski asked what would be done with the material should the current tip floor not have enough capacity. Larscheid indicated fencing or dumpsters would be used as has been done in the past during equipment failures. Any further updates will be brought before the Board.

7. Project #1353

Recyclables Hauling Bids (non-public works) - Award Update

Director Larscheid stated this is a non-public works bid which does not require County Board approval per Purchasing policy. Larscheid distributed the bid results along with a letter from Brown County Finance. Badgerland has been awarded this contract per Purchasing. The opinion offered by Finance was given to the Board to review. Finance determined that they would not withhold the award although they had some concerns. The bid had two options; 1) base price - Brown County loading the vehicles and the contractor hauling. Flash was the lowest bidder for Option 1; and 2) price per load – contractor loads their own vehicles and hauls. Badgerland Express was the lowest bidder for Option 2. Using Option 2 price per load would be more economical for Brown County as we would not be using a County employee whose base salary per year would be about \$30,000 plus benefits. Therefore, Larscheid stated that the recyclables hauling bid was awarded to Badgerland Express. This is a 3 year contract with two one-year extensions (five year contract). The contract does not coincide with the hauling contracts of Outagamie and Winnebago Counties A jersey barrier will be installed on the side so the trucks can back into the facility to load the recyclables. The materials will not be baled as the quality of the product would be compromised. Brown County's front end loader will be used by Badgerland and the contract will include insurance language to cover the loader. Brown County will still need an employee to manage the tip floor occasionally during the day for approximately 3 to 4

hours. Human Resource is looking into the option of an HHW Aide filling this position as needed, however, there may be a wage differential. The Board asked if there was concern as to awarding the Solid Waste contract to Badgerland but not the Transfer Station hauling contract. Director Larscheid stated that legal advice would be sought if problems arose and the bid would then be awarded to the second lowest bidder.

8. Brown, Outagamie, Winnebago (BOW) Regional Single Stream MRF Construction & Staffing – Update

Director Larscheid stated the Single Stream Facility is near completion and a tour of the facility will be set up for the Solid Waste Board. The labor provider will be Valley Packaging, who currently provides labor for the Outagamie Recycling Center. A contract is being worked on with Valley Packaging who will provide a number of 17 sorters and 4 lead-type people. Valley Packaging's bid was \$700,000 per year versus NEW Curative's bid of \$1.2 million. The project was approved for \$9.9 million and the current budget is at \$9.6 million. A proposal was made to the counties to have Wess Damro do the materials marketing for the combined single stream. Outagamie County has accepted the proposal and is having their Corporation Counsel draw up a Memorandum of Understanding wherein they will pay for approximately 10% of Damro's wage and fringe benefits and another 5% for the account clerk's wage and fringe benefits. Other ideas on how the counties might be able to consolidate staff is being looked into. On May 20, 2009 the single stream facility will be running at about 50% and by May 26, 2009 at 100%. On May 13, 2009 Outagamie will stop sending materials to Brown County and on May 20, 2009 Winnebago County will stop sending materials to Brown County. NEW Curative has been notified that as of June 30, 2009, our contract will end. Damro is continuing talks with NEW Curative about keeping some staff on for cleaning, etc. A grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the beginning of July. Larscheid will keep the Board informed of any new information as it becomes available. Dantine asked about private haulers compacting materials from recycling dropoff centers. Damro indicated it is preferred that material not be compacted and there is no guarantee it will not go to the landfill if it is compacted too tightly. Damro stated on small loads it is determined on a case-by-case basis and would not be a problem. Larscheid requested Damro follow up on this concern.

9. Director's Report

- *Gas-to-Energy Grand Opening*

Friday, April 24, 2009 a grand opening ceremony was held at the Gas-to-Energy facility with about 52 in attendance. A sheet which was available at the grand opening was distributed to the Board. The site has been in operation for five weeks but is operating below capacity. The technicians and engineers are working on coaxing more gas out of the landfill. It is possible there is oxygen coming into the landfill which would be slowing down the methane projection or the gas may be escaping elsewhere. There are 80 different gas wells at the location. At peak 1.85 megawatts should be produced. Katers mentioned he spoke Rob Cowles who indicated stated he was unaware of the event. Katers suggested information be sent to legislators on the Gas-to-Energy facility.

- *Fuel Surcharge*

The County Board previously passed the fuel surcharge that was negotiated with Badgerland. Doverspike reviewed the decision made by the SWB last month on the fuel surcharge and how the increase was arrived at. The increase amounts to a \$0.20 per ton increase in the Transfer Station tip fee.

10. Legislative Update

Director Larscheid provided information on upcoming legislative issues.

a) Solid Waste Fee Increase

The resolution opposing an increase which was passed by the SWB has been sent to all legislators in Brown County. Wess Damro went to Madison to the hearings and

distributed the resolution. Damro met with Mark Miller, Dave Hansen and staff. This resolution was made available to area municipalities, other counties, AROW, WCSWMA, and SWANA.

b) Electronics Disposal Bill

Wisconsin Senate Bill #107 in the agenda packet is from 2007 and the language in the new bill is similar to this. Director Larscheid indicated he is not sure where this bill is in the process at this time. Damro believed some revisions were being made based on the feedback they received. The bill was introduced by Senator Miller and staff supports this bill. Currently Brown County residents are encouraged to bring electronics to the HHW. If passed, this bill would prohibit Brown County from accepting electronics at the Transfer Station. Eighteen other states have passed similar legislation. Larscheid reviewed the list of items which would be included in this bill. Manufacturers would be required to register with the WDNR indicating they provide a return program. Retailers would only be able to sell from registered manufacturers. Recyclers and collectors must register with the State. The WDNR estimates 80% of households have at least one computer and 99% have at least one television and 85% have two televisions. In 2006 the WDNR estimated there are 3.8 million computers and 7.5 million televisions in the state. Funds collected will be placed in a special fund within the Recycling Renewable Energy segregated fund used to pay for program administrative costs.

c) Oil Filter Disposal Bill

John Katers served on the committee several years ago which was the basis for this bill and it was coordinated through the Department of Commerce. At that time, the progress of recycling oil filters and oil absorbing materials was going to be tracked. Based on survey work done last summer, there has not been a lot of progress. One of the stipulations in the original group was that if certain progress levels were not attained, then the statewide ban would take effect. Katers spoke with the WDNR this morning and it is felt there might be some differences in terms of how to treat oil filters versus how to treat oil absorbents. Rule of thumb is one gallon of oil before it needs to be reported as a spill. Katers believes the bill has been submitted. Discussion ensued on how oil filters are disposed of. Damro noted that HHW has been accepting oil filters for several years.

11. Such Other Matters as are Authorized by Law

The Board asked if there was some reason Sexton sent their TS bids to some Board members. Larscheid indicated he had mentioned this to Dale DeNamur, Purchasing. DeNamur indicated he had no idea why these were sent to some members of the Board.

Jim Rasmussen, who recently suffered a stroke, is still in rehab. Although he is able to speak he still has limited movement on his right side.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike. Unanimously approved.

James Rasmussen, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department