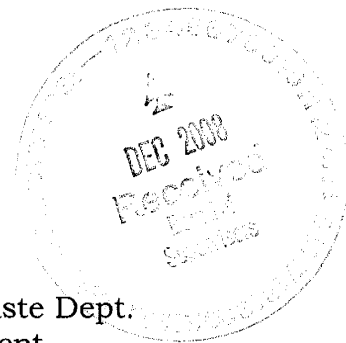


PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **October 20, 2008**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Roll Call Present: Chair Jim Rasmussen
Vice-Chair Mike Strenski
Charles Rhyner
Norb Dantine
Allison Swanson
Mike Fleck
Bud Harris

Excused: John Katers
Also Present: Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Wess Damro, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Chad Doverspike, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.



2. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

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

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes September 8, 2008

A motion to approve the September 8, 2008 minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Strenski. Unanimously approved.

4. 2009 DATCP Drug Collection Grant – Request for Approval

Director Larscheid stated an application for the 2009 DATCP Drug Collection Grant was submitted pending approval from Administration, PD&T and County Board. Larscheid noted that grants do not necessarily fall in line with the timeline of the County budget. This particular grant needs to be applied for in 2008 even though the grant money will be awarded in 2009.

Wess Damro, Recycling Manager, provided additional information. This is the second DATCP Drug Collection Grant done since 2006 in Wisconsin. Brown County participated in a prescription drug collection in April 2008 as well as a second collection in September 2008. Approximately 2M pills were collected from about 1000 residents. Money received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was used for 2008 collections. A \$25,000 grant received by Sustainable Greater Green Bay was used to cover the \$8000 disposal cost, \$8000 to \$10,000 was used for education and permanent brochures. This grant started in 2008 was through the Department of Agriculture and is an ongoing program. Damro indicated that Brown County could apply for \$3,500 in grant money but it would have to be in conjunction with something

else. Therefore, staff has decided to apply for a demonstration grant which is for \$10,000. All collected materials are currently being taken to a Veolia facility in St. Louis, Missouri, for disposal. Damro has been working with Wisconsin Public Service (WPS), who received their revised air permits allowing them to burn our controlled substances as part of their fuel. This will eliminate the department's disposal costs and grant dollars will be put into education, which is what this grant application is for. Damro indicated it is unlikely Brown County will receive funding because the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture is very skittish about doing alternative ideas. Their department seems to be into what their lawyers' wishes are and anything new that provides any kind of risk for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture is typically frowned upon

Larscheid mentioned that all the drug collections to date have been funded in part by outside grants. **A motion to approve the 2009 DATCP Drug Collection Grant was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Allison Swanson.** Unanimously approved.

5. Waste Transfer Station Operation & Hauling

Director Larscheid referenced an email he sent to everyone regarding Addendum #5 which added wood waste to the Transfer Station Operation & Hauling Proposal. The Solid Waste Board had awarded the contract to Tritt, however, PD&T chose to award the contract to Pomp's. The Brown County Board agreed with PD&T's decision. Tritt then filed an appeal which went to a 3-person Appeals Committee. This committee decided to throw everything out and start over.

Staff is now starting this process over. Comments made at the meetings are being reviewed and documented to create an acceptable package, i.e., request for proposal (rfp) process versus bids versus quotes. Staff is working with Brown County Purchasing Department, the Brown County Board, the Internal Auditor, and the Appeals Committee. Larscheid noted it will take at least 90 days for any contractor to get the necessary equipment ready. It will be impossible to have a new contract in place by January 1, 2009. Therefore, our current hauler, Badgerland Transport will be maintained as the hauler on a month-to-month basis. Chad Doverspike, Facility Manager, has met with Dale DeNamur, Brown County Purchasing, and has put together the qualifications requested such as an oversight committee. Larscheid indicated the possibility of salvaging metal was also brought up. It is not known whether the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will give Brown County approval for removal of any salvageable items from the Transfer Station.

Larscheid stated part of the application requesting approval from the WDNR includes how the proposal for removing salvage will work. Obviously Brown County will not have that information to submit to the WDNR until after a hauler is selected. Larscheid explained it is difficult to request a price from the hauler based on something that may not be possible. It is hoped more concrete information will be in place by the next meeting.

Larscheid stated he does not believe the WDNR will grant Brown County approval for removal of salvage at the Transfer Station based on the last year's history of being poorly operated and managed. The Board questioned why this is even being dealt with at this time if the WDNR will not approve the request and if pulling scrap reclassifies the Transfer Station as a processing facility. Also questioned was how the Village of Hobart would react to this. Staff indicated that the Village of Hobart has been kept informed on the option of scraping material and said they would have no objection if approved by the WDNR.

Doverspike explained that there is a separate process required by the WDNR once scrap such as wood is pulled from the Transfer Station. Currently there are two small transfer stations in the state that do pull scrap but do less than 100 tons per day. Brown County is currently handling 700 to 750 tons per day.

Also discussed were:

- the plan submitted by Pomp's
- the option of having a proposal submitted based solely on hauling costs regardless of what material is scrapped (wood/metal, etc.)
- review of process and/or plan after six months

Staff will put information together again for presentation at the next meeting. When asked Larscheid, explained that a bid requires choosing the low bidder, has a performance bond and is generally for public works; a quote is based solely on price; an RFP is more objective and allows concepts, background experience, etc. Larscheid indicated he felt it was the responsibility of the Brown County Purchasing Department to know what is being required by the Brown County Board. Larscheid did state that Badgerland's performance at the Transfer Station has improved.

6. 2007 BOW Solid Waste & Recycling Audit

Director Larscheid passed out information on the annual audit of operations. The actual payment sheet providing a summary of the audit was reviewed and discussed. Specifically discussed were the consolidated landfill operations key figures which Larscheid had circled on this form. Larscheid commented on the amount of waste processed through the landfills and noted Winnebago's landfill is filling up faster than anticipated.

7. WI-DNR Budget Cuts

Director Larscheid handed out a copy of the letter from Winnebago County that has been sent to the WDNR-Air & Waste as well as Governor Doyle. The letter which was signed by the Solid Waste Directors of Brown, Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, has been sent because of the timeliness of this issue. Larscheid explained the letter addressed the WDNR's decision to cut the recycling efficiency incentive grant. This grant has been utilized by Green Bay and other surrounding communities. This grant was also the reason used to justify the State's increase in the recycling surcharge by \$2.10. The State is using recycling funds for non-recycling issues. **A motion to receive and place on file was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Chuck Rhyner.** Unanimously approved.

8. Outagamie County Direct Haul Landfill Costs – Request for Approval

Director Larscheid explained information compiled by Chad Doverspike, Facility Manager, regarding storm sewer grid taken directly to Outagamie Landfill by Allouez, Bellevue, DePere and other customers to date. Per the audit the cost at Outagamie's small landfill is relatively high. That actual cost is \$25.75 per ton and Brown County gets a share of Outagamie County's cost. However, since Brown County has tons going into the landfill, Outagamie passes the costs directly allowed per ton to Brown County. With the State surcharge Brown County's cost is \$30.85 but the charge to the customers aforementioned is only \$17.00 per ton for a direct haul. Staff recommends charging the full tip fee at Outagamie beginning January 1, 2009 for these haulers or request they bring their loads directly to Winnebago's landfill. **A motion to approve direct haul landfill costs was made by Chuck Rhyner and seconded by Mike Strenski.** Unanimously approved.

9. Director's Report

Director Larscheid discussed:

- VandeHei & Sanderfoot Houses
Previously the decision was made to raze the VandeHei and Sanderfoot houses. The Wrightstown Fire Department's proposal requested (and approved) was to use the houses for fire fighting training. Brown County recently became aware the Fire Department was not burning the houses down but keeping them for training exercises. Brown County requested the Wrightstown Fire Department reimburse Brown County for the electric bills which are incurred to running the sump pump. Per Brown County's request, the Wrightstown Fire Department also agreed that the houses would be set on fire and totally burned no later than May 31, 2009. Brown County still maintains liability for these houses. Larscheid noted that on the property is a manure pit which has not been used for over two years. Land Conservation is aware of this abandoned pit and is working with Wrightstown to pump out the pit. The connecting lines will be destroyed and that area filled in. Brown County would like to see the pit used as a pond for wildlife. The well which is only 5 years old will be kept.
- County Board Chair Bernie Erickson sent a letter to all departments requesting they be prepared to make one or more cuts or adjustments in their budget if called upon to do so at the budget meeting. Larscheid discussed possible areas where funds could be cut, although as the Board noted, this would not affect the County's taxes since P&SW is an enterprise fund. Possible areas to cut expenses would be selling property, not purchasing another County vehicle and request employees continue to use their personal vehicles for work at the landfills, no part-time positions or interns, and/or cut hours at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Brown County received a letter from the Town of Ledgeview with amendments to the comprehensive plan with a proposed park at the Brown County East Landfill. If passed, the question of the County's liability comes up. The Board also discussed the gas-to-energy project at the landfill. Allison Swanson indicated the question of liability would be addressed when the property is rezoned.
- Currently Brown County has a contract with E&G to haul the Fox River Fiber sludge to the Winnebago Landfill. The contract will expire at the end of 2008. Norb Dantine mentioned he heard the company was filing for bankruptcy. Larscheid indicated he would keep the Board updated with any new information.

10. Such Other Matters as are Authorized by Law

There were no other matters to discuss.

11. Adjourn

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

Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

James Rasmussen, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department