

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, August 19th, 2024**
at the Resource Recovery Office, 2561 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 2:28 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present: John Katers, Chair
 Mark VandenBusch
 John Myers
 Mike VanLanen
 Kevin Gannon
 Bill Seleen
 Michael Lefebvre
 Sean Gehin

Excused: Norb Dantinne

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
 Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
 Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
 Steve Deslauriers, Town of Holland
 Brian Rickert, Village of Ashwaubenon
 Chris Anderson, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Myers and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of July 15th, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 15th, 2024 meeting was made by Kevin Gannon and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen spoke on the County's ongoing budget process, and to expect that the budget will be a topic of the September meeting of the Solid Waste Board. Proposed 2025 tipping fees will be sent out to municipal public works departments. Lastly, Mr. Haen discussed the upcoming Customer Appreciation Days on September 10th at Waste Transfer Station and 11th Recycling Transfer Station and South Landfill.

6) Project #2679 Waste Compactor at Transfer Station RFB – Request for Approval

Mr. Haen and Mr. Doverspike explained the project scope and bid, the results, and their recommendations.

A new waste compactor for the Waste Transfer Station went for bid in August. This compactor purchase would replace the Tripack machine that was purchased in 2018 from Reaction Distribution, . The Tripack compactor has had numerous breakdowns and delays in getting parts causing waste to back up inside the transfer station, leaving only one compactor to load waste.

The bid was created with careful and exact specifications that require the machine to perform a 21-second cycle time, parts must be in stock in the U.S., technicians must be able to respond to onsite emergency within 48 hours, and for the bidding company to demonstrate said cycle time prior to purchase. The results were presented to the Solid Waste Board and discussed. Brown County Corporation Counsel gave an opinion based on a review of County Code which requires that the contractor must have a history of satisfactorily completing projects, completing contracts in accordance with specifications, and diligently performing work in accordance with time schedules. Corporation Counsel supports the department's decision to reject the two lowest bids and approve the purchase of a Marathon Compactor from DMH Companies.

Solid Waste Board Members, Mr. Haen, and Mr. Doverspike discussed the project scope and DMH Companies' bid at length. Secondly, since the compactor bid from DMH Companies is a Marathon, both machines would be the same brand and type, resulting in fewer extra parts for maintenance. DMH Companies will be responsible for removing the Tripack compactor, but the Department will retain the machine and sell it on Wisconsin Surplus. The existing Marathon compactors has been in use since 2002. Mike VanLanen asked about warranty, which Mr. Doverspike answered that a two-year warranty is included. John Myers asked if the higher price is expected to show a benefit to operations, which Mr. Haen answered tht if the Department is able to get as much life out of a new Marathon machine as the 2002 model has, that there is a benefit in accepting the higher cost. Mr. Doverspike explained that he had timed the existing Marathon compactor and it was still meeting the 21-second cycle time requirement. Sean Gehin and Mr. Haen briefly discussed the approval process and the steps that were taken upfront to not get into an appeal situation.

A motion to award Project #2679 Waste Compactor at Transfer Station RFB to DMH Companies for a total of \$423,129.25, with additional cost of base and discharge

snout of \$2,500.00 and contingent on the removal of existing compactor to return to Brown County possession was made by Sean Gehin and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

7) Project #2680 Waste Transfer Station Concrete Floor Replacement RFB – Request for Approval

Mr. Doverspike gave an overview on the Waste Transfer Station concrete floor replacement history and the ongoing project scope. Core boring results that were conducted by Terracon were presented and discussed. The boring results showed that the subbase was in great shape and confirmed that the cracking issue was not due to the subbase. The evaluation further showed that the top 4-inch floor was not attached to the 8-inch subbase. Mr. Doverspike discussed the manholes and drains that are showing signs of degradation. Terracon did not make any recommendations on repair.

Mr. Myers requested further explanation of the planned improvements, which Mr. Doverspike answered. The project will be phased to allow the Transfer Station to continue to operate, with the first phase removing and replacing the manholes and pipes along with the 4 inch concrete and 8 inch subfloor in doors one through three. The next phase will do the same for the remaining areas in doors four through six. The space being replaced is the first 30 feet into the building, not the entire floor.

There was further discussion regarding the options in the bid, which were bollard replacement, unsuitable subsoils replacements, and concrete topping crack repair.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Katers and seconded by John Myers. Unanimously approved.

Chris Anderson with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC gave further clarification to the questions that the Solid Waste Board Members asked regarding the concrete topping crack repair.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Kevin Gannon and seconded by John Myers. Unanimously approved.

There was brief discussion regarding the manhole and pipe replacements and challenges that were addressed.

A motion to award Project #2680 Waste Transfer Station Concrete Floor Replacement RFB to IEI to not exceed the amount of \$233,021.00 with Options A, B, and C was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

8) Recycling Transfer Station Fire

Mr. Haen shared details of the July 25th fire incident at the Recycling Transfer Station to discuss fire risks and the ongoing efforts of the Department to address these risks.

As the contracted hauler (GFL) was loading recyclables from the tip floor, into the compactor, a suspected battery was impacted and ignited the recyclables in the semitrailer. The fire was contained to the semi-trailer. Multiple fire departments responded and the fire was extinguished with no damage to the structure or compactor, but the GFL trailer was damaged. Brown County maintains the same position as it has for previous fire incidents resulting in damage to GFL trailers. Namely, that GFL contractually agreed to indemnify Brown County unequivocally for any damages incurred arising out of the performance of the contracted service. Given the contract language, as well as fire being a reasonably foreseeable risk associated with the contracted service, Brown County is not liable for any of the repair costs associated with the fire damage that occurred in July. The operating costs associated with fires will likely be reflected in the future hauling contracts. Operations resumed the same day.

The Department continues to put more effort in the into battery collection including; free disposal, recycling education and staff is exploring expanding our collection locations and times at our facilities.. .

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

Steve Deslauriers with the Town of Holland offered the option of purchasing an extinguishing blanket that is used to extinguish car battery fires. Mr. Walter explained that Chris Blan, Technician with the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility has researched options to encapsulate and extinguish impacted devices. Mr. Walter clarified that any collection bin would be for handheld battery containing devices and loose batteries, not vehicle batteries.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

9) 2nd Quarter Budget Status Report

Mr. Haen briefly talked about the variations shown in the 2nd Quarter Financial Graph. Landfill tonnage is lower than budgeted resulting in lower revenue and lower expenses. Miscellaneous revenue continued to show a higher amount due to a higher return on investments. Outlay is lower as equipment purchases and projects expenses have not been realized at this time. .

10) Director's Report

Mr. Haen gave an update on several Department projects including completion of the South Landfill entrance road and horizontal leachate/gas collection lines, progress on an

MOU with the Town of Ledgeview for a bike park near the East Landfill is in the hands of Corporation Counsel, and the Waste Transfer Station gravel pad project.

11) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

None.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Katers and seconded by Bill Seleen.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 3:38 pm.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

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