

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, August 22nd, 2022**
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 Vice Chair Mark VandenBusch at 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present: Mark VandenBusch, Vice Chair
Bill Seleen
Michael Lefebvre
Dave Landwehr
John Myers
Norb Dantine
Mike VanLanen

Excused: John Katers, Chair

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Benjamin Hintz, Brown County P&RR
Jon Logan, Brown County P&RR
Mike Geiger, Town of Holland

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

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

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of June 20th, 2022 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 2022 meeting was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen announced the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department's Customer Appreciation Days on September 13th and 14th. He welcomed the Solid Waste Board members to attend and participate.

Mr. Haen also announced that Doug Martin has stepped down and resigned from the Solid Waste Board due to family commitments. The task of filling the open position will begin in the upcoming weeks. County ordinance requires the Solid Waste Board have three representatives from Green Bay, three from non-rural communities, and three from rural communities. Mr. Haen suggested the ordinance could be changed to include more urban representation as the pool of potential candidates is very small. Mike VanLanen and Norb Dantine noted they would not support this change as it could tip the balanced composition of the Board (rural, non-rural, and Green Bay). Mr. Haen suggested more flexible options. Chad Doverspike asked the Board for any recommendations for candidates.

6) Approval/Modification – 2023 Budget

The proposed 2023 budget for the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department was presented to the Solid Waste Board. Included in the packet presented was a memorandum to the oversight committees, an overview (which includes reports on initiative status, salary summary, table of organization change resolution, and staff shortage analysis), a proposed budget spreadsheet, and budget worksheet reports.

Mr. Haen talked about the major changes that will be reflected in 2023, which included table of organization changes, purchasing of additional equipment, and a landfill gas management plan. In 2022, Preferred Contract customers received a rate of \$47.82/ton while Contract customers are charged \$50.65. In 2023, the Preferred Rate will be \$52.25 and the Contract rate will go to \$55.34 for material delivered to the Waste Transfer Station. In 2023, customers with a contract will be incentivized to directly haul municipal solid waste to the South Landfill through a discounted tipping fee of \$43.00/ton for a savings of \$10.00/ton. There was a discussion regarding the rate stabilization fund. Mr. Haen and Mark Walter talked about the recycling markets and how they are beginning to fall, thereby changing from paying to charging per ton. Capital investments at the BOW Recycling Facility in Appleton are not documented in the budget, but retained earnings from the sale of recycling is included.

The budget document was next presented and discussed. Statistical charts included show the significant amount of solid waste that has been seen in 2022. Mr. Haen claimed this is due to increased direct hauling and from Green Bay Packaging. Mr. Dantine questioned why there was such a climb in solid waste, which Mr. Doverspike responded that there was an increase in demolition and construction using COVID relief funding, as well as growth from many of the companies that are contracted.

A discussion about the proposed table of organization changes and analysis of labor shortages took place. Mr. Haen discussed the wage increases proposed for the Account

Clerk II and Resource Recovery Aide positions, as well as adding a Resource Recovery Associate to the South Landfill site for grounds maintenance. Lead pay for the Heavy Equipment Operators is also proposed. Mr. Haen presented the labor shortage issues that the department has continued to face including nine position vacancies. With lack of staff, service adjustments have been made and further changes have been discussed including the closing of all facilities on Saturdays. Mr. Haen noted that as an enterprise fund, the department has the ability to fix the issue internally but has to work with the County on the issue of internal equity. Mr. VanLanen asked why the County Executive hasn't moved on the issue which Mr. Haen responded that the Executive is aware of the situation. Further discussion happened on the County's employment situation.

Mr. Haen presented the proposed budget spreadsheet and budget worksheet reports.

A motion to approve the 2023 Budget was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Mark Vandebusch. Unanimously approved.

7) Approval/Modification – Temporary Rates for Direct Hauling to South Landfill

The concrete tip floor replacement at the Waste Transfer Station will begin in October, requiring a reduction in the amount of users on site, and incentivize customers to use the South Landfill with a lower Direct Haul rate proposed.

Mr. Doverspike explained that the bid for the project was approved in a previous Solid Waste Board meeting and awarded to the company IEI. The project timeframe is set for four weeks of construction, where the top four inches of the concrete floor (16" total) will be replaced. With 800-900 tons of solid waste going through the Waste Transfer Station, efforts are being made to contact municipal and contracted customers to redirect down to the South Landfill. Administratively, a lowered rate of \$43.00 per ton for direct hauled waste to the South Landfill was approved by Brown County's Administration Department for the duration of construction. Extended operational hours are being discussed. Additional dumpsters will be allocated to the South Landfill to handle the increased traffic. Michael Lefebvre asked why the rate was only temporary and why revert back after construction is completed. Mr. Doverspike and Mr. Walter answered that it was approved for only the duration of the project, and a permanent fee change would take longer for approval.

Further discussion regarding direct hauling rates occurred.

A motion to approve Temporary Rates for Direct Hauling to South Landfill was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Michael Lefebvre. Unanimously approved.

8) Hazardous Material Recovery Facility Collection Day Changes - Update

Mr. Haen explained that due to staff shortages, the Residential Drop-Off days for the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility were changed. Collection on Saturdays ceased as

of August 31st. The seasonal day (Tuesdays) has been set as year-round. Out of County collections have ceased as well, which will see a loss of revenue.

9) Recycling - Update

Mr. Walter explained that the peak of recycling commodities market has been reached. A 60% price drop for commodities has been seen over the last 6-8 months. This may be due to summer shut-down of paper mills and acquisitions of large warehouses. Brown County is paying out to municipalities at \$15 per ton, and the non-contract rate from the scale is charged at \$16 per ton. Mr. Walter estimated that they will continue to charge customers into the next year.

Mr. Walter also discussed the employment issue at the BOW facility in Outagamie County. Two to three new robotic sorters will be installed later this year while a fourth is being discussed for next year. Bill Seleen asked if a contractor was being used, which Mr. Walter confirmed they were. Technology is on the horizon for everyone. A \$150,000 grant was received to fund a robotic sorter from The Recycling Partnership. Mr. Seleen asked if there was any examples of highly automated MRFs that Mr. Walter could speak on. Mr. Walter said that Waste Management was closing their MRF in Germantown, WI for three month to do updates. Without people, even with automation, it is not possible to operate. Mr. Walter further explained the current operations using robotics.

10) Director's Report

Mr. Haen briefly discussed departmental developments not covered in previous line item discussion. The South Landfill is averaging 1500 tons per day. The East Landfill leachate metering tank project has begun, with a few approvals with the Town of Ledgeview in the works. The tank's installation is estimated to begin in October.

11) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law
None.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Bill Seleen.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 3:30PM..