



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM 5
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM

Members Present:

Attending In-Person: Honl, Medin, Miresse, Spierings

Attending Online: Hemmrich, Wiza, Zach

Members Absent: Gifford

Staff Attending: Haffele, Lichtscheidl

Others Attending: Rzentkowski (V. of Amherst), Pavelski (County Executive), Fritz (V. of Plover), Wilson (V. of Pine Grove)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July Minutes

A motion was made by Spierings, seconded by Wiza, to approve the July Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Chair, Board Members, Site Coordinator, Director

Chair: None

Board Members: Zach mentioned the Solid Waste Interested Parties Meeting hosted by the WI DNR on September 28th.

Solid Waste Site Coordinator: Mowing at the landfill has been completed with a minor incident of a gas well being hit. The new panel for the blower will be installed soon.

Solid Waste Director: Waterways were created off the driveways and parking areas to reduce stagnant water on the asphalt. The Director completed and passed FEMA's Debris Management Class. The Department is working on an RFI for Transfer Facility and MRF Operations.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

4. Discussion/Possible Action: Increase to 2024 Transfer Facility Operations per ton fee

A motion was made by Wiza, seconded by Miresse, to deny the Transfer Facility Operator's request for an \$0.82 per ton increase in 2024. Discussion. Motion failed.

The motion to deny the increase by the following vote:

2 Yes: Hemmrich, Wiza

6 No: Honl, Medin, Miresse, Spierings, Zach

A second motion was made by Honl, seconded by Spierings, to approve the Transfer Facility Operator's increase of \$0.82 per ton as requested. Motion passes.

The motion to approve the increase by the following vote:

6 Yes: Honl, Medin, Miresse, Spierings, Zach

2 No: Hemmrich, Wiza

5. Discussion/Possible Action: New FTE Scale Operator position

A motion was made by Wiza, seconded by Medin, to approved adding a Scale Operator/Cleaner to the Solid Waste Department.

Motion to approve the position carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Discussion.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: 2024 Budget Discussion

Haffele gave an updated overview of the anticipated 2024 budget knowing there may be a budget adjustment once operations at the MRF and Transfer Facility have been finalized for 2024. Members discussed the increases to the per capita fee for recycling and solid waste tipping fees.

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

7. Possible next meeting dates: Wednesday, September 20, Thursday, September 21, or Monday, September 25

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 4 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 05:25 PM