



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order at 05:00 PM

Members Present:

Attending In-Person: Medin, Neville, Fritz, Miresse, Honl, Zastrow

Attending Online: Wiza, Zach

Members Excused: Spierings

Staff Attending: Haffele, Lichtscheidl

Others Attending: Mykisen (Mykisen & Sons), Foote (Johns Recycling), Pavelski (citizen)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Zastrow, seconded by Medin, to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion to carried by voice vote, with no negative votes and one abstention by Neville.

VOUCHERS

2. Vouchers

CORRESPONDENCE None

REPORTS

3. Chair Board Members MRF Operator Solid Waste Site Coordinator Solid Waste Director

Chair: Thanked the current board for their service and applauded them for the work they did over the last year(s).

Board Members: None

MRF Operator: Introductions were made. Foote mentioned that the equipment has been cleared from the tipping floor and reminded the board and staff that 20-tons a day is what we need to aim for.

Solid Waste Site Coordinator: Tonnage at the Transfer Facility is back down to pre-Covid levels. Lichtscheidl went over a battery recycling survey that was created by the Wisconsin Battery Recycling Taskforce - discussion.

Solid Waste Director: The WI DNR inspected both the MRF and Transfer Facility and both were found to be in compliance. Recycling is still under 20-tons a day. The Director is working with outside businesses and municipalities to get our average back to where it

should be. The bid for repairing damage done to the MRF walls has been scrapped for a proposal instead. Jisko, Johns employee and Portage County MRF worker, was recognized at the WI Integrated Resource Management Conference. The Hmong translation of two main solid waste publications is almost complete.

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DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding 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 - WIMRC Report

A motion was made by Zastrow, seconded by Honl, to approve Miresse's special per diem express report from attending the WI Integrated Resource Management Conference. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Miresse, along with Staff, gave the board an overview of the WIRM conference held in Green Bay February 23-25. Discussion.

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Rate Increase at Transfer Facility

Mykisen proposed a 5% per ton increase to the board stating labor and incidentals such as tires, has increased his operating costs. A 5% increase to transport trash to the WI Rapids Landfill would be \$16.49 per ton and to the Marathon County Landfill, \$30.98 per ton. Discussion. The Director showed the board what 5% looked like for a handful of municipalities. Discussion.

A motion was made by Zastrow, seconded by Medin, to increase the rate paid to Mykisen and Sons by 5 percent as of May 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A second motion was made by Medin, seconded by Neville, to increase the Transfer Facility tipping fee by Eighty cents (\$0.80) on May 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION 2021 Summary and Final Budget

Haffele gave an overview of the 2021 expenses and programs. Discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE April 27th at 5 pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Fritz, seconded by Zastrow, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 06:25 PM

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