



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Solid Waste Management Board meeting was called to order at 04:01 PM

Members Present:

Attending In-Person: Fritz, Gifford, Honl, Medin, Miresse, Spierings, and Wiza

Attending Online: Weaver, Zach

Staff Attending: Haffele, Lichtscheidl

Others Attending: Pavelski (County Executive), B. Jongetjes (Johns Recycling), R. Jongetjes (Johns Recycling), Daye (member of the public)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Wiza, seconded by Honl, to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion to carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

VOUCHERS

2. September and October Vouchers

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS

3. Board Chair
Board Members
Site Coordinator
Director

Chair: None

Board Members: A positive comment was made about the articles being published in the local papers. A question was raised about how to give the recycling grant to municipalities for reporting purposes.

SW Site Coordinator: Overhead door issues continue due to their age and incoming tonnage is holding steady. The HHW program ended mid-November, which saw 249 users that properly disposed of 12,640 lbs. of HHW. Looking into leachate hauling operators as our contract is almost up. Lightning hit the landfill scale which then needed a new digital readout and cell.

SW Director: Due to a staff shortage the Department will close Saturday, December 24th and 31st. The SWAP agreement is still in the works. Discussion on the SWAP report.

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.

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 - WCSWMA Meeting, October 28th
 - Special meeting attendance reports - WCSWMA Meeting, October 28th

Miresse gave a report from the WCSWMA meeting. Questions were asked about PFAS. A motion was made by Gifford, seconded by Wiza, to approve the WCSWMA Meeting per diem sheet. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION: Report by Johns Recycling

B. Jongetjes gave a report about recycling markets. Discussion. The EPA SWIFR grant and working with County staff to pull something together was touched on. Discussion.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Budget Amendment for Mykisen and Sons

A motion was made by Gifford, seconded by Wiza, to approve the Budget Amendment for Mykisen and Sons. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

5. Budget Amendment

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve 2023 Budget Adjustment

A motion was made by Spierings, seconded by Gifford, to approve the increase in 2023 solid waste tipping rates. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Budget Amendment

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SW Prioritization

7. Five programs have been identified under the Solid Waste Department: Solid Waste, Recycling, Landfill (mandatory), Universal and Special Wastes, and Household Hazardous Waste. Please review the form and provide any comments, concerns, or ideas for any of these five programs.

Discussion on how to proceed. Haffele to send all draft documents to board members for review and will bring them back to the next meeting for final approval.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Appoint a Towns Association Representative

A motion was made by Medin, seconded by Wiza, to approve Spierings to attend the Towns Association Meetings on behalf of the SWMB as well as authorization to receive a per diem. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Discussion.

DISCUSSION: Plastic Articles

Postponed to the December meeting.

8. [NPR Article](#)
[Resource Recycling Rebuttal](#)

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 28th at 4 pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Spierings, seconded by Fritz, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 05:23 PM

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Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.