



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Wednesday, January 25, 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: Fritz, Gifford, Honl, Medin, Spierings

Attending Online: Miresse, Weaver, Zach

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Wiza

Staff Attending: Lichtscheidl, Haffele

Others Attending: Heyman (Finance), Jossie (Finance), Rzentkowski (V. of Amherst)

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Spierings, seconded by Honl, to approve the November 30 meeting minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A motion was made by Spierings, seconded by Fritz, to approve the December 7 meeting minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

1. November and December Meeting Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VOUCHERS

2. November and December Vouchers

REPORTS

Chair: None

Board Members: None

MRF Operator: A brief update was given on their behalf by the Solid Waste Director.

Solid Waste Site Coordinator: Went over the year end Transfer Facility report and compared it with previous years, tonnage is down but still more than pre-Covid years. A new hauler is being used to transport leachate to the WWTP. The year end landfill report was submitted the WI DNR.

Solid Waste Director: An update was given on the County's wage study and increase in wages and how the Department will cover that increase. The Transfer Facility roof is being looked at by a vendor for possible replacement in the next few years. The Town of Dewey reached out for assistance on their Solid Waste and Recycling ordinance, and a new landfill insurance provider was selected which will save the Department money.

3. Board Chair
Board Members

MRF Operator
Site Coordinator
Solid Waste Director

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion about the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference.

A motion was made by Gifford, seconded by Fritz, to have Honl attend the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference in February. Motion to approve Honl to attend carried by voice vote, with no negative votes, and one abstention by Honl.

4. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)
 - Request for special meeting attendance - WIRM Conference
 - Approval of attendance of special meetings
 - Special meeting attendance reports

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve submitting EPA grant application

A motion was made by Gifford, seconded by Spierings, to acknowledge and approve applying for the EPA SWIFR grant. Discussion. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: SW Prioritization

A motion was made by Gifford, seconded by Spierings, to acknowledge the Solid Waste Prioritization Documents. Motion to acknowledge the documents carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion: Plastic Articles (from November 2022 meeting)
[NPR Article](#)
[Resource Recycling Rebuttal](#)

Discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE - TBD

Tuesday, February 28th at 4 pm

8. SW staff will be attending WIRMC, which is February 22 -24. Potential dates for the February meeting are: 3/3:30 pm Tuesday, February 21 (prior to County Board), Monday, February 27th, Tuesday, February 28th, or Wednesday, March 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 05:03 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.