

PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **June 20, 2011**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Katers at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers- acting chairman
 Ray Kopish
 Mark Vanden Busch
 Chuck Rhyner
 Norb Dantine
 Mike Fleck
 Bud Harris

Absent: Mike Van Lanen

Also present: Lisa Bauer-Lotto
 Chuck Latscheid- Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department
 Mark Walter- Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department

3. Approval/Modification of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval/Modification of Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011

A motion was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Chuck Rhyner to approve the May minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ray Kopish was introduced as a new member of the Board. He was appointed until November for the seat vacated by Mike Strenski. Lisa Bauer-Lotto was also introduced. Her name will be submitted to the County Board for approval at next month's meeting to fill the seat vacated by Jim Rasmussen as an Urban representative.

Chuck Rhyner, Bud Harris, and Ray Kopish will be up for reappointment in November.

5. Election of Officers

5.1 Mike Fleck nominated John Katers as chairman. A motion was made by Chuck Rhyner and seconded by Mike Fleck to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Katers as chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Norb Dantine nominated Mark Vanden Busch as vice-chairman. A motion was made by Chuck Rhyner and seconded by Norb Dantine to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Vanden Busch as vice-chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Mike Fleck nominated Norb Dantine as secretary. A motion was made by Chuck Rhyner to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Norb Dantine as secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Wis State Budget Update

Changes to the budget that would affect the department include:

- Renaming the Recycling and Renewable Energy Fund as the Economic Development Fund
- Transferring all Recycling and Renewable Energy Fund appropriations to the Environment Fund
- The \$7 per ton solid waste tip fee will be included in the Environment Fund (this is \$72 million over the two year biennial budget)
- Restore the basic recycling grant program using the current grant distribution formula
- Continue the current level of funding from the DNR at \$19 million per year for recycling grants
- Provide an extra \$1 million distribution per capita to Responsible Units if it has taken action to become an RU. A qualifying RU includes an RU with 25,000 or more in population; a Federally recognized Indian tribe; or smaller units providing they comply with one of 6 possible ways to qualify
- Clean Sweep grants will continue @ \$750,000 per year. Brown County will receive \$17,100.00 plus an ag grant of \$7500.
- Legislature deleted then Joint Finance committee's Motion 18 which placed restrictions on local governments using their work force to perform public works projects. Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties sent a letter in opposition to the transportation omnibus bill. The letter of reply from Mike Ellis was shared.
- Union employees will contribute 5.8% to their pension funds and 12% to their health care benefits (Brown County employees currently contribute 13% for health care)
- \$150,000 study of the future funding of recycling has been pulled out and did not survive the budget.

7. Director's Report

- Brown County received approval from the DNR for the leachate recirculation pilot project at the East landfill. This is a pilot program and ends in December. The 2012 gas to energy budget forecasts an increasing deficit because of low gas volume
- Parts of the concrete floor at the transfer station will be replaced at a budgeted cost of \$66,000. Bids will be sent out for this. The work will be done in stages so as not to close the facility completely for a weekend.
- The solid waste disposal tonnage is estimated at 150,000 tons this year- 140,000 tons was budgeted.
- Jim Zellmer of the DNR reported about the Oneida 7 Generations waste pyrolysis project. He said the solid waste section has issued an incompleteness to the Oneida 7 Gens. The air construction permit was also issued an incompleteness. The information submitted for a plan their operation was insufficient. References given for similar projects in the United States were not operating. One pilot project was

found to be operating in California, but for a short time and with only a very small amount of material. The EPA will be classifying this as an incinerator. The U.S. Department of Energy is considering giving a \$1.9 million grant for the project as well as a \$20 million short-term low interest loan. They are waiting for the federal environmental assessment to be completed by September.

- The HHW aide who was out on leave is back, but on limited duty- three hours per day.
- The typist is also out on a two month leave.
- 2012 Brown County Budget preview

The transfer station tipping fees will continue to be subsidized by reserve funds. Currently there is about a \$200,000 per year deficit. BC charges \$39 per ton and the actual cost is \$41 per ton. One way to offset this will occur when the Winnebago County landfill closes and Brown County's waste will go to Outagamie County. This will save about \$2 per ton because of the reduced hauling distance. Outagamie County has not set its tipping fee for 2012. The Oneida 7 Generations project could also affect this by potentially reducing Brown County's waste stream.

Brown County is working with Outagamie County to try to get more material through the single stream recycling facility. They have the capacity but they need to add more staff and make contracts with other customers throughout the state.

8. Closed Session

19.85 (1)(e): Deliberating or negotiating...pertaining to solid waste agreements and fees, future south landfill properties and recycling contracts

Roll call vote:

Present: John Katers- chair
Ray Kopish
Mike Vanden Busch
Chuck Rhyner
Norb Dantinne
Mike Fleck
Bud Harris

Not present/Excused: Mike Van Lanen

A motion to return to regular session was made by Norb Dantinne and seconded by Mike Fleck at 3:28 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Present: John Katers- chair
Ray Kopish
Mike Vanden Busch
Chuck Rhyner
Norb Dantinne
Mike Fleck
Bud Harris

Not present/Excused: Mike Van Lanen

During closed session items discussed were issues relating to the conditional approval of multi-trend solid waste agreement based on further negotiations; endorsed framework of draft contract

9. Solid Waste Agreement

A motion was made by Bud Harris and seconded by John Katers to give conditional approval based on future negotiations and the board endorses the framework of the draft of the solid waste contract. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law- none

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department