



**MARATHON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Minutes
August 12, 2019

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Roger Zimmermann	X	
Alan Christensen	X	
Jean Maszk	X	
Maynard Tremelling	X	
Myron Podjaski	X	
Kerry Brimmer	X	
Brad Lenz	X	
Thomas Seubert	X	
Jim Bove	X	

Others present: Meleesa Johnson – Solid Waste Department (SWD); Brenda Iczkowski – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ), Brian Kowalski, City Pages

1. Call to order

The agenda being properly signed and posted, and the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chair Zimmerman at the large conference room, 210 River Dr., Wausau, WI.

2. Public Comment – 15 Minutes – NONE

3. Approval of the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MASZK / CHRISTENSEN TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2019 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action.

A. Director's Report

i. Departmental operational and administrative information

Johnson shared the following updates with the board:

- With the assistance of Solid Waste staff, Jessica Kubichek and Julie Groshek and CCIT, the new scale software has been implemented.
- Construction has begun with two-thirds placing of the clay complete. John Peralta, seasonal employee, is conducting quality control assurance and clay density testing.
- Ron Smith, a long term gas technician, has resigned.
- An appraisal on County Highway Q by Scott Williams has been completed. A few potential buyers have contacted Johnson for possible purchase.
- Jerry Hanson, whom was the original owner of Fiber Recovery, has taken the company over from the most current owners.
- A sex offender living in the Solid Waste land/DNR land off the Ice Age Trail, since 2016, has been apprehended.
- Shawano County's transfer facility had a main support beam hit by a semi and now the loads are being delivered individually adding more volume to the vehicles per day.
- Johnson is working with Central Wisconsin Regional Recycling Collective and Amanda from Portage County to get a program about recycling branded and messaged with a joint message coming from the solid wastes organizations from Shawano, Marathon, and Portage County for the basics of what to recycle.

The Tonnage report for the end of June shows to be up almost 3,000 tons from last year, being at 94,209.21 tons. The Thomas Street reconstruction project was the reason for the increase.

The expense report through the end of May show revenues at \$1.8 million and expenses are at \$1.2 million.

ii. Presentation on per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS/PFOS) and challenges for solid waste, wastewater sludge management and land application of biosoils

Johnson presented a powerpoint on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS/PFOS). In the 1940's, a surfactant was produced. There is nearly 5,000 chemicals in this category. It is one of the most persistent chemicals made. The chemicals don't break down and bioaccumulate over time. This is found in our food supply, commercial household products, water, fish, humans and animals. Studies have shown the PFOS/PFAS may cause reproductive and developmental liver and kidney and immunological effects in laboratory animals. Both chemical have a link to tumors in animals.

SB302/AB321 was introduced by Senator Hanson from Green Bay/Marinette area. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would need to set limits and authority related to PFAS/PFOS. Currently, the

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proposed prevention action limit for ground water standard - is 20 parts per trillion. The DNR and Department of Health Services (DHS) have formed a Technical Advisory Committee to strategize on how Wisconsin will respond on the 20 parts per trillion and the Federal Government is calling for 70 parts per trillion.

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow through: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

5. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible

Action:

Johnson gave a short tutorial of the hazardous waste services that Marathon County Solid Waste Department services. The characteristics of hazardous waste is Ignitability, Corrosively, Reactive, and Toxicity. Businesses, Organizations, and Municipalities are regulated under Wisconsin Chapter NR600. The Marathon County Solid Waste department have approximately 20-30 tons of household waste a year and an average of 8-10 appointments weekly.

A. Policy questions regarding Board position on providing hazardous waste services:

- i. Should the Solid Waste Department continue to provide without charge services for Marathon County residents?
- ii. Should the Solid Waste Department continue to provide contract services (for a fee) for neighboring counties and neighboring county residents?
- iii. Should the Solid Waste Department continue to provide contract services (for a fee) for regional services for qualifying businesses?

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN / LENZ TO KEEPING ALL 3 OF THE POLICY POSITIONS AS WRITTEN IN PLACE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow through:

6. Next Regular Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board

Board members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next meeting September 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, Wi.

7. Announcements / Requests – NONE

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members **MOTION / SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN / SEUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Respectfully submitted,
Meleesa Johnson
Director-Solid Waste Department
MJ: BI
August 20, 2019