Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm
Meeting Location: Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

Mission Statement: To provide the residents, businesses and organizations of the region with a cost effective, comprehensive integrated waste management system. The system consists of programming, education and consulting services on waste reduction, recycling, composting and hazardous waste management, along with landfill disposal, with landfill-gas-to-energy production.

Members: Roger Zimmermann, Alan Christensen, Maynard Tremelling, Jean Maszk, Kerry Brimmer, Brad Lenz, Myron Podjaski, Thomas Seubert, Jim Bove

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Solid Waste Management Board members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Solid Waste Management Board members and the public may attend this meeting by telephone conference. If Solid Waste Management Board members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. The Public Comment Portion of the Agenda has been Temporarily Suspended
3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Meeting
4. Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action:
   A. Director’s Report:
      i. Departmental operational and administrative information
      ii. Legislative & regulatory update

5. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action:
   A. Reclassification Request- Environmental Resource Specialist to Environmental Systems and Pollution Control Specialist (B22 to B23 classification)

6. Next Regular Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board—Committee Members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next meeting May 11, 2020
7. Announcements / Requests
8. Adjournment

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.
**Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board**  
**2014-2018 Strategic Goals**

1. Maximize revenues from landfill operations  
2. Empower Marathon County residents to manage waste to their benefit  
3. Make recycling easy and fashionable  
4. Shift the paradigm to alternative uses for waste  
5. Influence state policy to make the highest and best uses of waste resources

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MARATHON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Minutes
February 10, 2020

Attendance:

Present | Not Present
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Roger Zimmermann, Chair | X | X (excused)
Jean Maszk, Vice Chair | X | X (excused)
Alan Christensen | X | X (excused)
Maynard Tremelling | X (excused) | X (excused)
Myron Podjaski | X | X (excused)
Kerry Brimmer | X | X (excused)
Brad Lenz | X | X (excused)
Thomas Seubert | | X
Jim Bove | | X

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

1. Call to order

The agenda being properly signed and posted, and the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 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 January 13, 2020 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY PODJASKI / MASZK TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13, 2020 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:

- The deer carcass pick-up was a success for 2019. The Town of Johnson, Town of Knowlton and the landfill were drop-off points. The cost of the project was around $1200.00, consisting of the rental of the dumpsters and advertising.
- The internet connection is working again after not working for close to 6 weeks. Julie has been working from home, to stay current with her job duties. The scale was still operating with the internet connection issue. The scale software worked for input but couldn’t add customers. CCIT has been working diligently to get the internet service working properly.
- The Solid Waste department will be reevaluating their core values and will be working on rebuilding a positive work culture. A couple years ago, the Solid Waste Department ranked the highest in all county departments and want to get back to the high ranking.
- Once the construction documentation from the DNR showing approval is returned, filing will being in area Phase 5a.
- Feasibility study received completeness. The DNR sent out public notice for public comment. Since the Town of Ringle adopted village power in December 2019, zoning will have to be changed.
- Fiber recovery is asking pressurize the gas and with the new 5 page contract, Solid Waste doesn’t have to compile with the request.
- Discussion of partnering with a biogas company to inject into the natural gas pipeline. To interconnect with the pipeline, they would have to go across the landfill and would have to ask for an easement.
- MLK day recap with Johnson working with Marilyn from Marilyn’s Firehouse and Catering out of Medford, for lunch for county employees. The money raised was donated back to both pantries. The meal prepared consisted of chicken, rice, fresh fruit and other food that was close dated. The lunch made employees aware of the food waste and the process.
- Central Rivers Farmshed was at the Stevens Point Food Fair this last Saturday. Johnson and Amanda Haffele, Portage County Solid Waste, had a booth and shared recycling basics with approximately 700 flyers handed out.
Johnson presented at the Noon Optics Club at Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church with around 70 people present.

Johnson will be attending the Wisconsin Interrogated Resource Conference in Wisconsin Dells end of the month.

Mountain Bay Trail is groomed, open and people are out on their fat bikes.

ii. Legislative & regulatory update

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:

A. Strategic planning- approval of 2020-2025 Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was approved at the January 13, 2020 Solid Waste Management Board meeting.

B. Approval of resolution to advance Strategic Plant Environmental Resources Committee and County Board

The resolution was briefly reviewed by members.

Action: MOTION / second by MASZK / CHRISTENSEN to approve the Resolution Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan 2020-2025 with the date change from February 11, 2020 to February 10, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Action: MOTION / second by MASZK / CHRISTENSEN to amend the motion of the Resolution Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan 2020-2025 with the date change from February 11, 2020 to February 10, 2020 to include the advancement to the Environmental Resources Committee for approval to be sent to County Board. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Action: MOTION / second by BOVE / MASZK to correct the technical amendment adding upper case to Responsible Unit of Recycling. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Staff will send the approved Strategic Plan and Resolution to the Environmental Resources Committee for approval and then to County Board for approval.

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 March 9, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

7. Announcements / Requests

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members ZIMMERMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Respectfully submitted,
Meleesa Johnson
Director-Solid Waste Department
MJ:BI
April 7, 2020
TO: SWMB MEMBERS  
FROM: MELEESA JOHNSON  
SUBJECT: APRIL MEETING  
DATE: APRIL 7, 2020  
CC: DAVE HAGENBUCHER

I hope this memo finds all of you safe and in good health. These are terribly challenging times, but despite those challenges, our regular work continues.

I know this virtual method of meeting is not ideal, but it has become the norm for many of us. This week I will spend half of my time on video conference meetings, as I have been working remotely (my home) for over two weeks.

The purpose for this meeting is just to get you all up to date on all that has happened with COVID-19, our current operational situation and go over some preliminary 2019 information.

As well, Dave and I intend to request a reclassification for Eric Olson. He moved from our operations team to the Environmental Resource Specialist (Grade B22) in December. He replaced Ron Smith in that role. However, Eric has also been given the responsibility of lead on the equipment GPS system and its interface with our CAD system. And there a number of other responsibilities that have never been accounted for. This is a specialized position and we hope to have it properly categorized as a B23 grade during the 2021 budget process. I will have a bit more information for you during the meeting.

I hope you all have a safe and healthy Easter/Passover holiday. I am looking forward to chatting with you on Monday.