

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

DATE: October 3, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Sunnyview Landfill
100 W. County Road Y
Oshkosh, WI

PRESENT: Pat O'Brien, Chairman
Ken Robl, Vice Chairman
Paul Eisen, Secretary
Pat Brennand
Jerry Finch
Gerry Konrad
Doug Nelson
Mike Easker (9:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.)

EXCUSED: David Albrecht

ALSO PRESENT: John Rabe, Director of Solid Waste
Kurt Pernsteiner, Facility Manager
Jennifer Semrau, Recycling Specialist

1. Call to Order: P. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the October 3, 2012 agenda, made by J. Finch and seconded by G. Konrad. Motion carried 8-0.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
4. Announcement/Communications: J. Rabe informed the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) that the date selected for the Landfill End Use Plan Charette will be October 18, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those SWMB members interested in attending should let J. Rabe know so he can reserve the appropriate room size for the meeting.
5. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2012 Open Session: Motion to approve the September 19, 2012 open session minutes, made by K. Robl and seconded by J. Finch. Motion carried 8-0.

6. Discussion – Distribution of Final 2013 Budget Documents: J. Rabe distributed the final 2013 Budget Packets to the SWMB and highlighted minor layout changes.

M. Easker noticed that the 2006-2013 Tipping Fee Summary on page 25 did not correctly list the 2013 solid waste tipping fee approved by the SWMB. J. Rabe thanked M. Easker for pointing this out and said it would be corrected and a revised page distributed at the next meeting.

7. Discussion – Recycling Commodity Market Update: J. Semrau provided a PowerPoint presentation with graphs demonstrating the ups and downs of the commodity markets from 1996-present for paper, metals and plastics. Overall, markets trended upward (with occasional dips) from 1996 through summer of 2008. In fall of 2008, markets for all commodities crashed to historic lows. Over the second half of 2009 through 2011 markets generally increased. However in second quarter of 2012, paper prices began to decrease each month. J. Semrau explained paper pricing dictates the commodity revenue of the program, as approximately 65% of all recyclables collected (by weight) are paper.

J. Semrau noted that glass was not included in the commodity market summary because glass pricing tends to be stagnant. However the Tri-County Processing Facility began working with an additional glass processor this year which improved the economics of glass recycling for the Tri-County program.

M. Easker asked why glass continues to be a part of the program due to the financial loss. J. Semrau explained that glass bottles are banned from landfill disposal by state recycling law.

P. Eisen asked why the Tri-County doesn't use the glass in road/aggregate applications. J. Semrau explained that the glass we produce would still require refinement to be suitable in these applications (at a cost to the program).

Discussion ensued amongst the SWMB.

8. Discussion/Action – Tri-County Regional Strategic Plan: J. Rabe informed the SWMB that staff at the Brown County (BC) Port and Solid Waste Department had produced a strategic solid waste management plan in June 2012 (one copy was passed around the room for observation). It is intended to be used as a planning tool to develop successful strategies, determine future needs, help resolve real issues and provide measurable improvements. J. Rabe stated that Brown County held a stakeholders meeting at the release of its Strategic Plan, which was attended by Mark Harris, J. Rabe, Brown County customers, haulers, municipalities and others.

J. Rabe stated that the three Directors have discussed producing a Tri-County Regional Strategic Plan. BC subsequently received a proposal from Golder Associates for \$15,088 to facilitate the meetings, collect the data and prepare the necessary strategic plan documents. J. Rabe requests SWMB authorization to administer the contract with Golder Associates on behalf of the Tri-County Program, using long term planning funds. Winnebago County would then invoice BC and Outagamie County for their portions of the cost. If the SWMB approves, the Directors plan to begin the project in October 2012 and have it completed by the end of May 2013.

P. Eisen asked if other counties outside the Tri-County Program should be invited to participate in this process. J. Rabe stated that will likely be a goal or objective of the Strategic Plan.

P. Eisen also asked if the East Central Regional Planning Commission might be a resource for this project. P. O'Brien agreed and suggested that they should be invited to participate in the project.

Discussion ensued amongst the SWMB.

Motion to authorize Golder Associates to prepare the Tri-County Strategic Plan for a not to exceed cost of \$15,088 (with costs split evenly amongst the three counties), made by J. Finch and seconded by M. Easker. Motion carried 8-0.

9. Closed Session - Pursuant to 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
 - a. Tipping Fee for Direct Haul Solid Waste

Motion made by K. Robl and seconded by P. Brennand at 9:48 a.m. to convene into closed session. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.

10. Return to Open Session to Resume Regular Business: Motion to return to open session at 10:36 a.m. made by J. Finch and seconded by K. Robl. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.
11. Discussion/Action – Tipping Fees for Direct Haul Solid Waste: Motion to authorize J. Rabe the authority to make short term business/safety decisions related to the management of material accepted in the transfer station or direct hauled to Outagamie County for the next 90 days provided that the SWMB does not incur any financial loss, made by P. O'Brien, and seconded by J. Finch. Motion carried 7-0.
12. Future Agenda Items: None.
13. Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be October 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Finch and seconded by G. Konrad. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Semrau
Recycling Specialist

Approved by SWMB – October 17, 2012