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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday September 17, 2018**
at the Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Vice-Chair Mark VandenBusch at 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present: Mark VandenBusch, Vice-Chair
Bud Harris
Dave Landwehr
Michael Lefebvre
Mike VanLanen

Excused: John Katers, Chair
Bill Seleen
Doug Martin
Norb Dantine

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Patti Cole, Brown County P&RR
Brad Allen, representing resident A. Hoffmann
Chris Anderson, Foth

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

Mark Walter noted that the Agenda had two items numbered 10. The second item should be renumbered to 11. **A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Mike Lefebvre.** Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2018

A motion to approve the July 30, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mike Lefebvre and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen announced that Chair John Katers is excused because he is attending the groundbreaking for the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) building at UW-Green Bay.

Mr. Haen invited the Solid Waste Board (SWB) members to the Customer Appreciation Days at the Port & Resource Recovery facilities on September 18 and 19.

6) 2019 Budget

Since the last meeting, Dean met with the Finance Department and the County Executive regarding the 2019 Budget. The budget will advance unchanged with the next step for budget approval at the PD&T meeting in October, and the County Board meeting in November. Mr. Haen presented the revised Statement of Funds.

7) South Landfill Timeline and Response to Observed Groundwater Exceedances

Mr. Haen presented a timeline itemizing the response activities to the South Landfill groundwater exceedances. Baseline monitoring was conducted at the Brown County South Landfill (BCSL) project site in advance of the resubmittal of the Plan of Operation (POO). The 2018 sampling results indicated the presence of trichloroethylene (TCE) and methylene chloride. Detections of TCE were unexpected as there were no TCE detections during previous baseline sampling activities in the 1990s and the site is undeveloped. Brown County investigated and determined the introduced contaminants were only in the baseline monitoring wells, and working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prepared a Response Plan, consisting of a timeline and procedures for confirming the introduced contaminants were from purchased bailers and the contaminants were isolated. WDNR and Brown County agreed to laboratory test the purchased bailers, collect soil samples from replacement well MW-10A, do additional groundwater sampling and sample private wells.

The results of the *Response Plan* testing indicate that the methylene chloride and TCE resulted from dedicated bailers that were installed in November 2017. The bailers were assembled using glue containing methylene chloride and TCE, per the safety data sheets obtained. The bailers have been removed and there is no longer any ongoing contamination occurring. The affected wells were bailed a total of eight times, all methylene chloride and TCE results are now below the WDNR Enforcement Standards (ES) and the extent of the detections of methylene chloride has decreased from 19 to 6 monitoring wells and TCE detections have decreased from 21 to 4 monitoring wells.

No TCE or methylene chloride was found anywhere else onsite, in private wells or in adjacent soil. A follow-up meeting with WDNR is scheduled and Brown County will be seeking a DNR response concurring that Brown County has acted timely and appropriately in addition to modifications to baseline monitoring program.

The Solid Waste Board recommended tracking the costs associated with the introduced contaminants for possible future action.

8) Director's Report

Volatile market prices, greater demand from local paper companies, and requests from out of county companies are prompting the department to seek higher prices for corrugated cardboard. Mark Walter noted that the BOW uses the pricing from the Official Board Markets ("Yellow Sheet") to set the Tri-County Recycling TIP fees. Dave Landwehr asked whether the county should enter into purchasing contracts with customers that formalize that the county's prices be pinned to commodity markets. Bud Harris recommended being flexible with our pricing. Dave Landwehr noted that if multiple companies are looking for our cardboard, then we should make

sure we're not playing favorites. Mr. Walter cautioned that we have been selling to local companies for years and have relationships with them. Mr. Walter will evaluate whether having a formal agreement would perform better or be more risky.

Outagamie County has hired a new Recycling and Resource Recovery Administrator. Outagamie County has been having staffing issues and is currently staffed at 70%.

Mr. Walter reported that markets are so tight that no contaminants are allowed in the loads now. Even though the food packaging industry urged the acceptance of food stained paper, recycling plants don't want it in the stream. Mr. Walter announced that we will see more from the "Recycle Right" campaign in the future. People have been putting everything in the recycling without thinking, and the residue rate is up from 6% to 8% the last couple of years. The "Recycle Right" campaign seeks to get people to pay more attention to the rules. If you don't know whether something should be recycled, then throw it out instead.

Chad Doverspike disclosed that our vendors have stopped accepting wood waste.

The DNR has raised the limit of solid waste that can be accepted at the Waste Transfer Station to 1250 tons per day. Mr. Doverspike verified that in the month of August, the Brown County Waste Transfer Station accepted a record high of 16,400 tons. We can expect even more customers, due to wet basements and the strong economy.

Mr. Haen passed out an article from the *Wrightstown Spirit* newspaper from Wednesday September 12, 2018 entitled "Town of Holland considering lawsuit against Brown County." The article reported on the September meeting of Holland's Town Board. The article indicated that the Town Board expressed concern that test results of water contamination near the South Landfill in the Town of Holland were not unveiled to the public. The Town Attorney was directed to check out options to get Brown County to "comply with the contract and notify the town of actions that pertain to the operations of the landfill". Other concerns in the article surround the application by the Dynamic Group for a conditional use permit for a proposed digester and the town's comprehensive plan.

Mr. Haen responded that the Holland Town Board did not attempt to speak to us and the quotes made representing Mr. Haen and the County are inaccurate. Additionally, Mr. Haen understands the Town's concerns regarding the digester project; some of these concerns could be addressed in the Brown County/Dynamic Group land lease should the Town be interested. This offer has been made by Brown County to the Town.

9) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

The next meeting, normally held on the third Monday of the month, could tentatively be switched to the public meeting for Renard Island on October 2 or the charrette workshop dates on October 16-18.

No other matters.

10) Closed Session – Deliberating the Purchase of Public Property

a. OPEN SESSION

A motion to go into closed session was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved. All non-Board members were escorted from the room.

b. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

i. Roll Call for the Closed Session:

Present: Mark VandenBusch, Vice-Chair
Bud Harris
Dave Landwehr
Michael Lefebvre
Mike VanLanen

Excused: John Katers, Chair
Bill Seleen
Doug Martin
Norb Dantine

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
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c. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A motion to return to Open Session was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved. All non-Board members returned to the room.

A motion that the Solid Waste Board has no interest in purchasing property adjacent to county-owned land in the Town of Holland was made by Dave Landwehr and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

11) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike VanLanen and seconded by Mike Lefebvre. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department