

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, January 20th, 2025**
at the Resource Recovery Office, 2561 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

John Katers, Chair
Mark VandenBusch, Vice Chair
Norb Dantinne
John Myers
Bill Seleen
Mike VanLanen
Michael Lefebvre
Sean Gehin
Kevin Gannon

Also Present:

Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Daniel Schmidt
Michelle Schmidt
Tom Vande Wetering, Town of Holland

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Norb Dantinne and seconded by Mike VanLanen. Unanimously approved.

4) Comments from the Public

Daniel Schmidt (1131 Mallard Road, De Pere, WI 54115) gave his comments on the proposed land swap or property transaction that will be discussed in closed session by the Solid Waste Board. Mr. Schmidt handed out a printed map of the proposed area and spoke on the terrain and use of the land.

5) Approval/Modification – Minutes of October 21st, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21st, 2024 meeting was made by Mark VandenBusch and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

6) Announcements/Communications

A brief conversation occurred regarding the upcoming NFL Draft. There were no further announcements or communications.

7) Project 2722 West Landfill Fencing Bid – Request for Approval

Chad Doverspike discussed the results of a bid that was issued for fencing at the West Landfill. The gravel pad that was installed in 2024 required the existing fence to be removed. A new fence was designed for the south and east sides for the new gravel pad. The Village of Hobart requires 270 feet of privacy slated fencing along the south of the gravel pad. Chain-link fencing is acceptable on the east side. Five vendors bid on the project, with Century Fence being selected as the lowest bidder at \$10,355.00.

A brief discussion about the timeline of the project regarding frost and ground thaw occurred.

A motion to approve Project 2722 West Landfill Fencing Bid to Century Fence for \$10,355.00 was made by John Katers and seconded by John Myers. Unanimously approved.

8) Project 2197 Farm Land Lease Amendment

Dean Haen explained that the Wiese Brothers who lease land from Brown County for farming, raised concerns in Spring of 2024 about the cost of living increases in rent. Their lease per acre increased dramatically and unfortunately, they stated that they would have to term out the lease if there is no change in the rate. It was determined by Resource Recovery staff that holding the rate at \$625.66 per acre for five years before re-evaluation was acceptable. Corporation Counsel created and signed the amendment.

There was a short conversation about the land that the Resource Recovery Department owns and what the original agreement and bid was.

9) South Landfill

Mr. Haen gave an update on South Landfill operations noting that the landfill passed inspection from the WI DNR, clay hauling has halted during the winter months, and that summer projects are now being planned.

A surface fire broke out on Monday, January 13th. Greenleaf Fire Department and Resource Recovery Department staff responded. There was no immediate cause

determined. Bill Seleen inquired about the frequency of fires in landfills and if these are always reported on or brought to the attention of the Solid Waste Board. Mr. Haen and Mr. Doverspike responded that Outagamie County would have three or four smaller fires, and perhaps one larger fire each year. It is unsure if the increase in lithium-ion batteries in the landfill are the cause though they have contributed to fire incidents at recycling facilities. Other causes could be hot coal, for which the County has previously established disposal protocols.

Mr. Doverspike continued the update with discussion on the advertised gas-collection control skid and flare which will be brought as an RFP at the next Solid Waste Board meeting. There was more discussion about future construction plans through 2028 which included further clay excavation and installation of a liner in the second cell.

Plan mod approvals were received in December for beneficial use of three wastes. These were Fox River Fiber poly-rejects, Green Bay Packaging poly-rejects, and blue plastic pallets from Harters.

10) Waste Transfer Station

Mr. Doverspike updated the Solid Waste Board on upcoming projects at the Waste Transfer Station. These included a compactor replacement at the end of January and the postponed concrete floor replacement with IEI after road weight limits end (likely beginning of May). Mr. Haen spoke on operation manuals that are being refined for each site. Mark Walter talked about updating scale software across the six scales that the Department operates.

11) Director's Report

Mr. Haen had no further items to discuss that were not covered in previous agenda items.

12) CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require closed session.

A motion to go into closed session was made by John Katers and seconded by Michael Lefebvre. A roll call vote was taken with the following Solid Waste Board Members voting "aye": John Katers, Mark VandenBusch, Norb Dantinne, Kevin Gannon, John Myers, Bill Seleen, Michael Lefebvre, Mike VanLanen, and Sean Gehin. The purpose of the closed session was for deliberation and possible negotiations/action relating to real property.

A motion was made by John Katers and seconded by Norb Dantine to return to open session. Unanimously approved.

13) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

None.

14) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Michael Lefebvre. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 3:47 pm.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
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