
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday January 21, 2019**
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 Chair John Katers at 2:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

John Katers, Chair
Mark VandenBusch, Vice-Chair
Bud Harris
Dave Landwehr
Michael Lefebvre
Mike VanLanen
Bill Seleen
Doug Martin
Norb Dantine

Excused:

Also Present:

Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR
Chris Anderson, Foth
Michael Geiger, Town of Holland
Brian Roebke, Wrightstown Spirit

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018

A motion to approve the November 26, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen stated that three board members were reappointed for another three years on the Solid Waste Board: Dave Landwehr, John Katers, and Mark Vanden Busch.

Mr. Haen introduced the new Clerk/Typist, Samantha Jerome.

6) 2019 Public Communication Plan

Mark Walter explained that the 2019 Public Communication Plan focuses on encouraging beneficial reuse of waste, organics management, the solid waste BOW agreement, and construction of the south landfill. The Communication Plan also outlines outreach for recycling opportunities, waste reduction, expanding carton program, and education within schools. Another goal of the 2019 plan is to keep hazardous material recovery in the public eye to make sure that the public is aware that the facility and product exchange rooms are open and available for their use.

The 2019 Recycling Guide for the BOW has been reduced to a smaller brochure which will be mailed to every household in the three BOW counties in February.

Advertising through sponsorship was discussed including the Manufacturing First expo, sponsoring an environmental award, Friday's on the Fox, farmers' market booths and/or recycling receptacles, and giveaways. To-date, advertising has been limited and in 2018 was focused on the Waste Transfer Station. Google ads were discussed as another opportunity for advertising through the use of geo-targeting ads.

Mr. Haen stated that the budget increased from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Mike Lefebvre suggested that the new recycling guide would be another opportunity for advertising. Mr. Walter stated that Cumulus Broadcasting would be another cost effective way to advertise.

Mike VanLanen suggested that the recycling guide should have some information about how to dispose of plastic bags properly. Mr. Walter explained that an entire page of the recycling guide will be dedicated to plastic bag and film disposal.

A motion to approve the 2019 Public Communication Plan was made by John Katers and seconded by Bill Seleen. Unanimously approved.

7) BOW Landfill Capacity Survey and South Landfill Timeline

Mr. Haen explained that the most recent survey information of the BOW landfill in Outagamie County shows that the new south landfill will need to be opened in 2022, two years sooner than previously estimated. This may be due to a growing economy and the lower densities when filling the fluff layer in phase 3 of BOW landfill. An economy that is doing well means that people are consuming and manufacturers producing and in turn, filling landfills at a faster rate. At present, the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department continues to advance efforts to meet the timeline.

Items in the works for this year include a leachate treatment agreement with NEW Water and a discharge agreement with the City of De Pere. Excavation of clay continues.

John Katers asked if both the Brown County South Landfill and the Outagamie County Landfill will be open simultaneously in 2022. Mr. Haen answered "yes".

A motion to open discussion to the public was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

Michael Geiger from the Town of Holland asked for clarification regarding plastic bags being in recycling and whether or not they should be kept out of garbage as well. Mr. VanLanen answered that plastic bags should be disposed of in the garbage.

Mr. Geiger commented that people in the township enjoy the recycling guides sent out and that they tape them to the inside of their kitchen cabinets for reference.

A motion to return to regular order of business was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

8) Final BOW 2017 Report

Mr. Haen stated that the BOW 2017 report was not received until the end of 2018. The report was put together by Schenck to look at how the BOW system operates, including the landfill and recycling center. The landfill continues to be profitable. Last year the profits were used to fully fund the Rate Stabilization Fund. The Solid Waste Board will determine how those funds are used for this year.

Recycling for Brown County in 2017 was profitable as well; however 2018 and 2019 might not be as successful. Mr. Walter explained that the aluminum market is bad whereas the paper market is stable. In 2018 newsprint stopped being sorted because there is no longer a market for it and is now sorted with mixed paper. Mr. VanLanen asked about the glass market to which Mr. Walter explained that 1/3 of the glass is sold to a sandblasting company out of Waupaca and they are willing to take everything that is able to be shipped to them.

9) BOW Planning Effort

Mr. Haen said the South Landfill is the next landfill as the current BOW Cooperative Landfill Plan agreement specifies. The BOW agreement has generated significant savings to our municipal and commercial customers as a result of our counties working together. As a result of significant value, BOW staff is looking at options to continue working together beyond the South Landfill. Options are being considered and any amendment or new agreement will require the support of BOW staff, three Solid Waste Boards, Executives and County Boards. Mr. VanLanen asked when the next time all three county solid waste boards will meet together. Mr. Haen answered that it is being planned. The current BOW agreement ends after the South Landfill is full.

10) South Landfill Public vs Private Operation Construction and Evaluation

Chad Doverspike explained that the evaluation discusses the options regarding the South Landfill construction and excavation. The first option is that the County would hire employees and buy equipment so that the construction and excavation would be completed internally. Option #2 would consist of construction using County Public Works employees but renting the necessary equipment. Last option would be to have a contractor complete the entirety of the work. Mr. Katers pointed out a typo in the evaluation that should read "2027-2028" for Phase 3 rather than "2017-2028". Mr. Haen mentioned that a financial review would be completed by a 3rd party.

Norb Dantine asked what the longevity of Brown County's South Landfill is to which Mr. Haen answered "13 years".

Mr. VanLanen expressed concern that some companies might require a long contract to complete the work whereas by completing the job through the county, there would be some more control over the timeline. Dave Landwehr said that when the Public Works Department is brought in, other projects might take precedence. Mr. Katers suggested that more information should be gathered and brought back to the Board at a later date so that an informed decision can be made.

11) Holland Landfill Monitoring Committee Meeting January 14, 2019

Mr. Haen stated that a meeting occurred January 14, 2019. The Committee had some concerns regarding what can be done on the site other than landfilling and will the town get paid a tipping fee for any other things that come across the scale. Brown County (Michael Best) reviewed the Landfill Siting Agreement and provided written correspondence January 18, 2019 to the town stating that the County is allowed to temporarily store other items on site. Additionally the town shall receive tipping fees for only the tonnage disposed of in the landfill. The Plan of Operation will be presented at the February Solid Waste Board meeting. The Landfill Monitoring Committee will be invited to the presentation. The public vs. private construction and operations evaluation will also come before the Solid Waste Board in 2019 and the Landfill Monitoring Committee will be invited to attend. At the meeting, the landfill timeline and County efforts to meeting the communication language of the agreement were presented. The County is working on a department policy for communicating with the town directly and through its consultants and sub consultants. Electronic submittals to the DNR by consultants and sub consultants are a little more complicated. The County has every intention of communicating immediately to the town per the agreement.

12) Direct Haul

Mr. Doverspike explained that the 2017 audit breaks down each county by how the profits are divvied up between the three counties based on how many tons are brought in each county. Direct haul material being brought to Outagamie County from Brown County is being billed under Outagamie County rather than Brown County. The three county operation managers have put together a plan to have a form filled out for direct hauls being brought directly to Outagamie County so they know which county to bill that material. The form will be mailed out to all of Brown County's direct haul customers & contractors.

13) Transfer Station Scalehouse Design Firm Selection

Mr. Doverspike explained that there are plans to add a second scale, to remodel the scale house itself to be more customer friendly, and to develop an RFP to obtain the correct software to allow communication between scales. The scalehouse redesign work has been quoted by Bayland Buildings to be a little less than \$3,000. The timeline for completion is between June and August of this year.

14) Director's Report

Mr. Haen stated that NEW Water has agreed to treat the South Landfill's leachate.

County Board Supervisor Deslauriers has submitted late communications to the County Board. One communication alleges communication violations regarding the South Landfill. Attorney Dave Crass from Michael Best has refuted the violations directly with the town's attorney.

The other late communication was regarding DNR notifications related to the South Landfill groundwater monitoring wells. Supervisor Deslauriers is requesting that the Department follow Corporation Counsel advice to "notify the DNR within 60 days whenever we have a sample that attains or exceeds a groundwater standard". For our department this already applies for all other facilities. With regards to the South Landfill property, Mr. Haen has communicated three times by email that the department agrees to follow the advice from Corporation Counsel. This has not been accepted by Supervisor Deslauriers. The department and external consultants continue to try to satisfy Supervisor Deslauriers' concerns.

A Board of Health Meeting was held a week before the County Board meeting in which a communication plan for groundwater exceedances was discussed. Supervisor Deslauriers stated he was "appalled" that Mr. Haen was not at this meeting. Mr. Haen noted that he was unaware that this was on the meeting's agenda and was never informed about the meeting. Staff is actively working with other County departments on a communication plan.

Mr. VanLanen inquired on the status of the well monitoring to which Mr. Haen explained that two wells out of 15 wells have had detections just barely above the lab ability to identify detection. The others wells have no detections. Two additional baseline monitoring samples rounds will be collected.

Mr. Haen explained that much of the problem is miscommunication and that he is working diligently to meet Supervisor Deslauriers' needs.

15) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

16) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr.
Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department