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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

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A regular meeting was held on **Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI

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 Vanden Busch, Vice-Chair  
Bud Harris  
Mike Van Lanen  
Bill Seleen  
Norb Dantine  
Ryan Holzem  
Dave Landwehr

Excused: Lisa Bauer-Lotto

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR  
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR  
Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR  
Chris Anderson, Foth  
Allyson Watson, UW-Extension

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda – *Request for Approval*

A motion to modify the agenda to move item 10 after item 12 and approve the agenda as modified was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. **Unanimously approved.**

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Mark Vanden Busch and seconded by Bud Harris. **Unanimously approved.**

A motion to approve the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. **Unanimously approved.**

5) Announcements/Communication

No announcements or communication.

6) HHW Awareness Week – Update

Mr. Walter explained that since 2001 the first full week of October has been declared Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Awareness Week. To promote the awareness week television stations ran news clips, the Department worked with Cumulus Radio to run 275 clips and ads were placed in the local papers. Mr. Blan provided the volume of material that was collected during this week, as well as the total number of participants. Mr. Walter explained that this year fewer people participated, however, more weight was collected than in the past two years. An effort is being made to make people aware that HHW is open all year round.

The Department has begun to do targeted ads towards dental and medical offices to get more business material to come in. NEW Water will help in the effort to target dental offices to ensure that they are all using mercury traps and are properly disposing of mercury. The Department has developed a program to make sure that this mercury can be collected.

Mr. Katers added that since the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) was dissolved in the state budget, the Environmental Management and Business Institute (EMBI) at UW-Green Bay has started doing the work that SHWEC was doing; this includes pharmaceuticals information and managing the recycling markets directory. The university has been negotiating with the DNR to move it over to UWGB.

Mr. Dantine asked what happens to the paint that people bring in for disposal. Mr. Walter explained that about 10-20% of paint goes into the product exchange room for people to come and pick up for free. The rest is sent to Amazon Paint for paint recycling and disposal.

7) Compactor and Building Expansion – Update

Mr. Doverspike stated that the compactor has been working well. It has been in operation for three weeks and it has been averaging about 24.5 tons of material on a trailer. The amount of wind-blown material has decreased; staff time needed to move around material and the wait time for trucks to dump their recycling has also decreased because now they are able to use both entrances to dump. Mr. Haen provided that in regards to the budget, the contractor cost is within 5%, had there not been contaminated soil at the site, the project would have been within budget. Engineering cost is significantly higher primarily due to the contractor being inexperienced. Foth was required to be onsite much more than planned to ensure everything was being done right by Badgerland Buildings. Mr. Anderson stated that the additional cost to Foth was due to Foth having to oversee a lot more of the project than originally planned, they spent time on the contaminated soil issues, and a few items added that were not part of the original contract. Mr. Doverspike added that Mr. Anderson kept a record of the time that Foth spent doing oversight of Badgerland's work.

Mr. Landwehr asked if there are any repercussions in the contract to recoup these additional costs because of Badgerland's inexperience. Mr. Doverspike explained that the conversation

has not happened, however, final payments have not been made yet. Mr. Landwehr is worried that if repercussions were not stated in the contract, very little can be done.

8) Director's Report

Mr. Haen stated that a contract with Waste Management, Inc. is being final negotiated with the expectation of Solid Waste Board approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Haen stated that recycling markets are down and the small Oconto and Manitowoc County processing facilities are not doing very well. There might be opportunities to bring them into the BOW system. BOW may potentially be adding Chippewa County to the system as well. The reason BOW is doing so well is because of economies of scale. Mr. Walter stated that the charge increased \$5.00 a ton due to poor market conditions. Since September the national market has drastically decreased. The new steel price is down to \$55 a ton; at the beginning of the year steel prices were at \$220 a ton.

Mr. Landwehr informed the board that the Town of Lawrence was very upset about the rate change in the middle of the year because it affected their budget. Mr. Haen was appreciative for the feedback. He stated that when the budget is set in July it is essentially being set for an 18 months period of time. The change in the recycling markets that occurred this year is not something the Department could have predicted last summer. For budget purposes Brown County is always conservative when communicating with municipal customers, but we were not conservative enough in this situation. Mr. Landwehr added that Outagamie County has not increased their tipping fee and are holding off until the new year.

9) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters were discussed.

10) Compactor and Building Expansion Tour

Item moved after adjournment.

- 11) **Convene in Closed Session**: Notice is hereby given that the governmental body will adjourn into a closed session during the meeting for discussion and possible action regarding the Fox River Fiber agreement and Outagamie County's position and the strategies to explore regarding said negotiations for resolution, closed session is authorized pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section §19.85 (1), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for the purposes of:(e) "deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

A motion to go into closed session was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Katers, Vanden Busch, Harris, Van Lanen, Seleen, Dantine, Holzem, Landwehr. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion to return to open session was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Katers, Vanden Busch, Harris, Van Lanen, Seleen, Dantine, Holzem, Landwehr. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Reconvene in Open Session:** Chairman Katers reported that the Fox River Fiber agreement and Outagamie County situation were discussed. No action was taken.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Holzem and seconded by Dave Landwehr. Unanimously approved. **Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.**