

**PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT**



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

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A regular meeting was held on **Monday, March 15, 2021**  
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 2:32 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Present:                John Katers, Chair  
                              Norb Dantine  
                              Michael Lefebvre  
                              Doug Martin  
                              John Myers (non-voting)

Excused:                Mark VandenBusch, Vice-Chair

Not Excused:         Bill Seleen  
                              Mike VanLanen  
                              Dave Landwehr

Also Present:         Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR  
                              Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR  
                              Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR  
                              Claire Westlund, Brown County P&RR  
                              Ben Hintz, Brown County P&RR  
                              Jon Logan, Brown County P&RR  
                              Chris Blan, Brown County P&RR  
                              Brian Roebke, Wrightstown Spirit  
                              Edward Byrne, Brillion News  
                              Mike Geiger, Town of Holland

**Due to a lack of quorum no approvals could be made. Items needing approval will be held until the next meeting.**

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2021

Michael Lefebvre asked for clarification on whether the proof of responsibility and statement of bidder qualifications are the same thing? Mr. Haen clarified that the Bidder's

Proof of Responsibility is a Purchasing Department requirement and they are two separate things. It was also requested that agenda item 7 from the February 15<sup>th</sup> minutes be further explained for clarification purposes.

5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen welcomed John Myers to the Solid Waste Board meeting. It is anticipated that Mr. Myers will be confirmed as a member of the Solid Waste Board by the Brown County Board at the April meeting.

6) Creation of a Vape and E-cigarette Collection Program

Discussion and approval of a Vape and E-cigarette Collection Program was deferred until the next meeting of the Solid Waste Board.

7) 2020 Annual Report

Discussion and approval of the 2020 Annual Report was deferred until the next meeting of the Solid Waste Board.

8) Discussion Regarding an Amendment to the 1998 Landfill Siting Agreement

Mr. Haen explained that as part of this agreement, six (6) houses would have their groundwater wells monitored throughout the duration of landfill. When the Landfill Siting Agreement was originally signed with the Town of Holland, there was a monofill planned to be built on the landfill property. This caused an additional three houses to be within the 1200' proximity of the landfill and the wells would need to be monitored. However, once that monofill was removed from the plans, these three houses were no longer within the proximity of the landfill and it they are not required to be monitored according to the State. It was proposed to the Town that these three houses be removed from sampling as it is invasive and an inconvenience to the residents. After speaking with one of these three residents, it was suggested that testing be lowered to once a year instead of the four times per year, which was agreed upon. There will be an amendment that will be presented to the Town Board for the monitoring changes.

Additionally, the protocols for sampling have changed since the original signing of this agreement. The County requested to change landfill operating hours to accommodate landfill traffic before buses or residential traffic began. This was denied by the Town therefore the landfill will be operating from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Norb Dantine questioned why the hours were not accepted by the town? Holland Town Supervisor, Mike Greiger explained that the hours were not changed due to school buses running at the same time as the proposed landfill hours.

9) Civil Bid Project #2400 and Architectural Bid #2399

Mr. Doverspike provided an update on Project #2400 that was approved by the County Board. After it was approved, one of the vendors came back for the liner installation and said the supplier is unable to make the liner that is needed due to the recent winter storm in Texas. They were able to find a different vendor and meet the deadline, but it will be an additional \$187,000 from the original bid. In order to meet the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 timeline, it has been proposed to accept this new vendor. Relyco was willing to absorb \$47,000 for this unexpected budget increase.

Project #2399 is for the three buildings at the South Landfill. Staff met with Relyco and Bayland Buildings. The steel price increases have caused Bayland Buildings to request an additional \$98,000 for the pricing of the buildings. The steel should arrive by August 1st; another vendor was \$27,000 higher but would not deliver until mid-September. Staff is currently weighing options and will update the Board next month. Mr. Dantine questioned why Bayland was requesting an additional amount if they have not claimed *force majeure*. Mr. Doverspike explained that he and Mr. Haen will continue to work with the Purchasing Department and Bayland to resolve this issue.

10) Equipment Acquisition

Mr. Doverspike explained that the department is on budget for the equipment acquisition and will continue to work on finalizing the unknown numbers. There are roughly five to six additional pieces of equipment that are needed.

The County was able to acquire a remanufactured Tana compactor from Texas for \$921,000 while a new one sells for \$1.35 million.

There have been two to three changes since last month. There is approximately \$1.2 million remaining of the budgeted \$3 million contingency fund for landfill construction and equipment acquisition fund. There have been a few unexpected costs that were not originally budgeted for.

11) Table of Organization

Mr. Haen explained that an onboarding plan has been developed for the South Landfill. Two summer interns have been hired and will start this month. There continues to be concerns regarding the hiring of the Landfill Manager. Third round of interviews are being planned.

Additionally, Mr. Haen spoke about creating an eligibility list for the Heavy Equipment Operator candidates to demonstrate their ability to operate heavy machinery. Mr. Dantine asked how many operators will have to be hired? Mr. Haen answered that there are nine positions to fill. The salary will depend on skill level and experience with the established pay grade.

12) Director's Report

Mr. Haen spoke about the fiber optics and whether or not they will be moving forward with the high capacity well. De Pere leachate unloading station is being built now to unload South Landfill leachate. Currently working with Ledgeview on an agreement to discharge leachate as a backup to the De Pere site. The backup is direct haul to NEW water, but it is a longer travel distance.

Dynamics will be coming with an easement that will require County Board approval to allow manure lines to run across the ATC easement for the powerlines to connect farms to their facilities. John Katers asked if Dynamics will be doing groundwater testing related to their site in comparison to ours? Mr. Haen answered that the Environmental Protection Agency will be able to track if the pipe is leaking and we will not be liable for the responsibility of those pipelines.

Mr. Walter explained that an infrared camera would cost roughly \$4,000 to trigger an alarm if it detects a hot spot within the Recycling Tip Floor. Current plan is to buy a single camera and possibly expand to other locations to prevent any flare ups. The fire detection system is not triggered by smoldering fires as it does not reach the sprinklers on the ceiling. Mr. Lefebvre expressed concern about the camera, mainly how hot it would have to get to actually trigger an alarm and if the Ashwaubenon fire department would be called every time. Additionally, if trucks are in and out of the recycling garage, would this be enough to trigger an alarm? Mr. Walter explained that the camera can be set for different temperatures and it would alert within the department first, before sending to the fire department. The main concern with the fires are the ones caused by batteries, which would burn much hotter than the heat from a truck exhaust or engine. No formal decision has been made on a camera or system yet.

13) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law  
No other matters.

14) Adjourn

Meeting ended at 3:20PM

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John Katers, Chairman  
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director  
Port & Resource Recovery Department