

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday, July 21st, 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 Dantine
Mike VanLanen
John Myers
Michael Lefebvre
Sean Gehin

Excused:

Bill Seleen
Kevin Gannon

Also Present:

Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Steve Deslauriers, Town of Holland
Brian Rickert, Village of Ashwaubenon
Matt Verbeten, Town of Holland
Brian Hubers, Town of Holland

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

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

4) Comments from the Public

Matt Verbeten (1096 Mill Road, Greenleaf, WI) spoke as a member of the Landfill Monitoring Committee and to address concerns about the beneficial use of contaminated materials and the effects it could have on the area surrounding the South Landfill. Mr. Verbeten also asked that street sweeping along Mill Road be discussed, as there have been multiple incidents of roofing nails piercing tires.

Steve Deslauriers (2889 Wayside Road, Greenleaf, WI) spoke as a Chairman on the Landfill Monitoring Committee (LMC) and the Town of Holland Board to state that the Town Board and Committee are open to answer any questions regarding the legal basis on the request for hearing and notice of claim filed by the Town of Holland.

- 5) Approval/Modification – Minutes of May 19th, 2025 Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th, 2025 meeting was made by Michael Lefebvre and seconded by Sean Gehin. Unanimously approved.

- 6) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen stated that there will likely be no meeting of the Solid Waste Board in August, and that the September meeting will cover budgeting matters. In addition, Mr. Haen announced the Customer Appreciation Days in September (16th & 17th).

- 7) Town of Holland Notice of Claim and Notice of Noncompliance – Update

Mr. Haen explained that a notice of claim was brought to Brown County, which has been received by Brown County Corporation Council and the Risk Management team. The County's insurance company was reached out to so that in the event that there is a favorable determination for the Town of Holland perspective, legal representation and compensation can be sought.

Mr. Haen addressed the two concerns that the Town of Holland has filed claim against.

The Department periodically receives request for acceptance of contaminated soil (C Soil) under the Plan of Operation special waste application. The C Soils have physical properties (gravel, sand, clay) that could be used beneficially used in the landfill, the Department can request approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to beneficially utilize the C Soil inside of the landfill cell. Through this plan modification, the Department is requesting a blanket DNR approval for beneficial use of acceptable C Soil rather than requesting approval for each individual project saving time and money for Brown County.

Mr. Haen and Chad Doverspike described the beneficial use of contaminated materials like clay, sand, and soil inside of the landfill cell. Beneficially utilizing waste products within landfills is part of all Wisconsin landfills standard operating procedures to eliminate the purchase of virgin materials. Mr. Doverspike clarified that the Department is requesting through the plan modification to beneficially utilize C soil for building roads that is up to ten times the residual contact limit (RCL). He continued to explain that the materials are already acceptable in the landfill via a special waste application. The discussion continued with further explanation of this process, steps that are made to reduce dust, and other industrial waste that are used beneficially.

Mr. Haen spoke on the second concern, which are host community fees. The State of Wisconsin charges fees on municipal, commercial and industrial waste and no fee on other solid waste that can be beneficially used in the construction and operation of WI landfills. Brown County does not view the beneficially used solid waste as having been “disposed” of and this position has been supported by County and external legal attorney. Mr. Haen read part of the Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP. legal opinion provided to Brown County in advance of the landfill opening in 2022.

There was a discussion about potential negative consequences of the claim, such as increasing the reduced tipping fees for municipal and commercial customers to cover the host fees on waste brought in for beneficial use materials.

8) South Landfill - Update

Mr. Haen and Mr. Doverspike addressed Mr. Verbeten’s concern raised in the Comments from the Public section of the agenda. Landfill staff use a street sweeper from the entrance of the South Landfill to Hwy 54 at least three times per week, covering the center lanes, and outer lanes if necessary. Mr. Haen explained that Mr. Verbeten lives to the West of the Landfill and not along the agreed upon landfill route. Mr. Haen suggested that if license plate numbers were caught by Mr. Verbeten or our staff, then the Department can actively pursue and deny those customers entry and try to educate them on the agreed upon landfill route. Signage is posted upon exiting the site to only turn right, which follows the approved trucking routes.

Next, Mr. Doverspike gave an update on the beneficial use (BU) of landfill gas project. Eight companies submitted proposals which were reviewed, interviewed, and one was chosen. The next step is to continue work with EcoEngineers to create a contract for the winning company. Contract must be in place six months of the award.

Mr. Doverspike continued his update on projects of the South Landfill. The installation of the skid and flare which will be used in the BU landfill gas system will begin in August.

Lastly, Sean Gehin spoke about recent truck issues that the Village of Allouez encountered when direct hauling to the South Landfill during construction at the Waste Transfer Station. Mr. Doverspike will address these issues with Benjamin Hintz, the landfill manager and work to continually improve the haul roads.

9) 1st Quarter Budget Status Report - Update

Mr. Haen spoke briefly on the 1st Quarter Budget Status Report for the Resource Recovery Department. There was nothing to report that was outside of the normal.

10) Director's Report

Mr. Haen discussed remaining 2025 projects at the Waste Transfer Station such as the construction bid for the three-sided building. Michael Lefebvre asked which projects were being engineered by Foth or GEI after the engineering firm change. Mr. Haen explained this and spoke on the completion of file sharing between the firms and the Department.

11) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

None.

12) Adjourn

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

Meeting ended at 3:11 pm.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Dean R. Haen, Director
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