

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **Monday May 16th, 2016**
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
Norb Dantine
Ryan Holzem
Mike Van Lanen

Absent: Bill Seleen
Bud Harris
Dave Landwehr
Lisa Bauer-Lotto

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Chris Blan, Brown County P&RR
Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Ryan Holzem. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of March 28th, 2016 - *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the March 28th, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mark Vanden Busch. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

Mr. Haen announced that the Brown County Stakeholders meeting has been set for June 15th at the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery. The meeting will take place in the afternoon. The

BOW Stakeholders meeting with Outagamie County's Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee as well as Winnebago County's Solid Waste Management Board will take place on June 22nd in the afternoon. A regular Brown County Solid Waste Board meeting will be on June 22nd as well.

Mr. Haen recognized and congratulated Mr. Katers on his appointment as Dean of the new College of Science and Technology at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

6) Drop-off Unloading Area Budget Adjustment and Bid Award – *Request for Approval*

Mr. Haen explained that installing a drop-off unloading area at the Waste Transfer Station will eliminate the amount of residential traffic inside the Transfer Station. In 2015, it had been budgeted under Contracted Services and carried over to the 2016 budget. The Finance Department determined that the concrete pad and asphaltting will need to be depreciated; therefore, it needs to be budgeted under Outlay and requires a budget adjustment approved by the County Board. Mr. Doverspike explained that four vendors bid on the unloading area. Foth originally estimated that the project would cost \$42,000-45,000; however, additional features (steel plating, etc) were added to the project and bids from all of the vendors came back higher than expected. It is important to note that all of the bids that came in were from out-of-county businesses. The company with the lowest qualified bid was Blue Sky.

Chairman Katers asked if any of the BOW partners have done work with them before. Mr. Doverspike responded that no, no one from BOW has done work with them. Purchasing spoke with them on the phone and relayed that they seemed like a reputable company. Mr. Van Lanen asked how long has Blue Sky been in business. Mr. Doverspike responded that he was not sure. The board asked Mr. Doverspike to look into their references.

A motion to approve the Drop-Off Unloading Area Budget Adjustment and Bid Award was made by John Katers and seconded by Mark Vanden Busch. Motion was carried unanimously.

7) School Carton Recycling Education Proposal – *Request for Approval*

Mr. Walter explained that the Carton Council granted \$5,000 for Brown County to start carton education in schools. Grants for \$5,000 were also awarded to Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties have been working together to find an educator to do the work. A proposal from We Cycle was received. They are charging \$4,515 to implement carton recycling education in Howard/Suamico and east De Pere school districts. From there they will develop a model that will be able to be implemented in other schools in the County. Given that the cost is less than \$5,000 this proposal doesn't need to go through County Board approval or Solid Waste Board approval. Mr. Haen explained that he would still like to see support from the Solid Waste Board.

A motion to support the School Carton Recycling Education Proposal was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Support was carried unanimously.

8) Fox River Fiber – *Update*

Mr. Haen stated that some communication has been occurring between Brown County, Outagamie County and Fox River Fiber. A response to Fox River Fiber complaint was sent by

March 31st. The court directed Fox River Fiber and Brown County to schedule a teleconference. This teleconference took place on May 12th between Fox River Fiber and the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich. The court is saying that this issue needs to be resolved. Brown County believes Fox River Fiber is willing to sign Amendment #3 of the Agreement as long as Outagamie County is willing to cooperate. With this lawsuit, the Department has communicated with Outagamie County that if this cannot be resolved they will be impeded in the lawsuit as well.

Mr. Van Lanen asked if there is a timeline for Outagamie County to respond. Multiple communications have occurred and negotiations are desired by Brown County. The Press Gazette has done a public information request regarding this situation. Mr. Van Lanen suggested checking with Corporation Counsel to see if the public information request is on-going and open or was the request just for all of the information up to the point of the request. Mr. Holzem asked if they have asked for information from the other counties. Mr. Haen stated that he would assume so.

9) Paint Recycling Evaluation – *Update*

Mr. Haen explained that one of the Department goals for 2016 was to research paint recycling and as part of the agenda packet the evaluation was included. Mr. Blan stated that prior to 2010 mixed paint was given to the public as a means to reduce cost. Now paint is sent to a paint recycler, freeing up more than five hours of labor. Costs are basically a wash with the recycler. Mr. Blan thought that in-house paint recycling could be a product that is added to the goal of resource recovery. He researched what kind of options there are and what other paint recyclers operations are like. Amazon Paint, Austin Texas and Metro Paint in Oregon are three of the larger paint recycling operations in the U.S. Only Amazon and Metro Paint sell their paint for a profit. Mr. Blan determined what price paint could be sold for in Brown County. It could be sold for approximately \$10 per gallon. Mr. Blan looked into what type of equipment and capital investment would be needed to start paint recycling. The Department takes in about 80,000 pounds (about 10,000 gallons) of paint each year. With a dispersion mixer 90% of that paint could be recycled. An \$8.68 production cost could be reached. This leads to \$9,500 a year in revenue. Mr. Blan added that paint would be sold in two gallon containers to save money on packaging.

Mr. Haen added that a worry is how much of this will be desirable quality recyclable paint. His recommendation to Mr. Blan is that the revenue side of the evaluation needs to be further researched. There should be a guarantee that 50-60% of the paint will be purchased or at least a clear interest that public entities or businesses would be willing to pay \$10 per gallon.

Mr. Blan explained that the colors of each batch could not be replicated. Batches would be made 200 gallons at a time. The color of the entire batch would be the same but from batch to batch the shades would vary. Another option would be to use recycled paint as a base paint that could be tinted and sold to paint manufacturers. Mr. Holzem asked if Amazon or Metro Paint does any testing on the quality of their paint. Mr. Blan stated that they do and they offer a 5 year warranty. One huge difference is that what the Department would collect in one year is what Metro Paint collects in one quarter.

Mr. Van Lanen asked what the investment cost is to get this started. Mr. Blan stated that it is \$62,000 to get the program started. This includes a used dispersion mixer instead of a brand new one.

Mr. Blan added that \$21,000-\$22,000 is spent to send latex paint to Amazon. This would eliminate the disposal cost. An additional intake of paint could come from Outagamie County. Currently, Outagamie County does not accept latex based paint. They would consider allowing residents to bring latex paint for disposal. Mr. Walter added that residents bring more quality paint when there is a charge, he would suggest continuing to charge. The American Coating Association and Paint Care are looking to have Wisconsin develop legislation for a paint stewardship program.

Chairman Katers suggested looking into Brown County's need for purchasing paint. That could be an entire cost savings in itself. He also asked if this will cause extra hours for hazardous waste employees and will another person have to be hired to handle extra hours. Mr. Blan stated that this would involve an extra 20 hours of work per week.

10) BOW C&D Recycling Analysis – Update

Mr. Walter indicated that the analysis of setting up a BOW C&D recycling operation was not deemed feasible. The report that was presented was the final analysis and recommendation of the BOW Technology Committee

Mr. Haen explained that an RFP for C&D Recycling went out and there was one bidder, Landfill Reduction & Recycling (LRR). The RFP was not awarded. BOW entered into separate negotiations with LRR after a meeting with Jason Salisbury. Currently Outagamie County does not do C&D recycling. If tonnage from Outagamie County could be guaranteed along with Winnebago and Brown Counties he would negotiate a better offer. BOW offered to give LRR a break on disposal cost of his fines and residuals since 60% of what he recycles ends up back in the landfill. He will drop his charge from \$24.75 to \$22.65 and gradually increase to \$25.35 over five years.

11) Wood Waste – Update

Mr. Doverspike stated that two vendors bid on an RFQ for clean wood waste, including materials such as pallets, decking, fencing, 2x4s and clean wood. The two vendors that bid on this were Wisconsin Wood Waste and Landfill Reduction & Recycling. Wisconsin Wood Waste was the lower bidder. They are located off of Lineville on Highway 41. They bid \$50 per semi load of accepted wood waste. The cost would stay the same for two tons or 20 tons. It will be handled at the Waste Transfer Station and Great American Disposal will load and transport it once or twice a week for recycling. GAD will charge \$135 to haul it from the Waste Transfer Station to Wisconsin Wood Waste. This year the rate for C&D will remain \$46 per ton, in 2017 the rate may decrease for clean wood waste to create an incentive for residents to voluntarily sort their clean wood waste.

12) Director's Report

Mr. Haen stated that Great American Disposal would like to extend their contract. The County only allows for a five year contract. The Department has recommended GAD to request an extension of 2 ½ years. He also told them that the offer would have to be favorable and realistic to Brown County. Mr. Haen explained that GAD has been a great contractor; they are much more reliable than the last contractor.

13) Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

There are no other matters as authorized by law.

14) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Dave Landwehr.
Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.