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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Recycling Committee
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Don Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Don Black, Mr. Al Amann, Mr. Marvin Meier, Mr. Tom Huber, Mr. Bradley Hanson, Mr. Darin Larson, Mr. Robert Carothers, Mr. Ben Adank, Mr. Max Weiss and Mr. Joe Wick. Excused were: Mr. Nathan Nelson Absent was Mr. Ben Holien.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Sonya Hansen, Manager Randy Johnson and Bruce Fuebringer.

MINUTES: Ms. Hansen advised the Committee that the minutes from the February 28th contained a typo in the name spelling of member Darin Larson and that it did not reflect that Mr. Robert Carothers was excused from the meeting. Mr. Robert Carothers made a motion seconded by Mr. Weiss to approve the minutes of February 28, 2018 with the corrections noted by Ms. Hansen. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS: None.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION: ELECTION OF CHAIR: A motion was made by Mr. Don Black seconded by Mr. Robert Carothers to nominate Mr. Max Weiss as Chair of the Committee. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Mr. Don Black seconded by Mr. Robert Carothers to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Max Weiss as Chair. Motion Carried.

Chair Weiss presided over the meeting.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR: A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. Robert Carothers to nominate Mr. Don Black as Vice Chair of the Committee. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Mr. Robert Carothers seconded by Mr. Al Amann to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Don Black as Vice Chair. Motion Carried.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION – INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS: The members of the Committee introduced themselves to each other and identified their representation on the Committee.

Ms. Sonya Hansen indicated that Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer was in attendance to assist her with assuming some of the Recycling Director duties during the absence of Mr. Stephen Schiffli.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION – OVERVIEW OF RECYCLING PROGRAM: Ms. Sonya Hansen distributed a summary report and brief history of the Recycling Program that included assets and significant partners.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - EXPENDITURE REPORT: Ms. Sonya Hansen reviewed the 2018 budgeted to actual expenditures and revenues as of April 30, 2018 with the Committee. She stated that all per capita payments have been received. The BBC and Mondovi sites revenues and expenditure reports were also distributed to the Committee for review. Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that no revenue have been received for the Nelson site. Mr. Randy Johnson stated that some appliances have been brought to the Nelson site. Mr. Robert Carothers stated that he would check on why no revenues have been submitted. No action required of the Committee.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - 2018 RECYCLING BROCHURE: Ms. Sonya Hansen indicated that she had been contacted by County Board Supervisor Mr. David Danzinger that BBC had some concerns with the prices on the brochure. She stated that she sent an e-mail to Mr. Ben Holien and stated that this matter would be placed on the agenda for additional discussion. Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that the brochure was created with the disclosure that “prices are subject to change” and that this Committee had given input on pricing. She indicated that without knowing the exact concerns from BBC, no additional action was necessary of the Committee.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - COUNTY CONTRIBUTION TO RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE: Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that the agreement with the City of Mondovi has been signed and effective June 1, 2018, any citizen in Buffalo County may use the Mondovi Recycling Site. The Mondovi Site will be open on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - TOWN OF MILTON SITE: Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that at the prior meeting, the Committee authorized her to speak with the Town of Milton and offer them options of using the BBC Site or requiring them to place an overhead shelter for the box container.

Mr. Ben Adank stated that they had discussed this at their Board meeting and had a conversation with the owner of where the container box is located. He indicated that the owner is not willing to allow the Town to place an overhead shelter on his property and that he has installed a camera to monitor the usage of the container.

Manager Randy Johnson stated that the site is not fully utilized and that the last load contained garbage. Manager Johnson also had concerns on the cost of replacing the tarp and how the weather impacted the loads with the container being in the open. This is the only unmanned site with no overhead shelter.

Mr. Ben Adank asked for Manager Johnson to contact him immediately after picking up the load with any “garbage” issues as he will then review the video from the security camera with the owner of the property to see if they can determine the source. The Town will then draft a letter to the user to educate and hopefully remedy any misuse of the site.

Other committee members informed Mr. Adank as to how they secure their recycling site and pay an attendant during recycling hours. A discussion was held as to whether or not there was another site that could be used for the Town of Milton. Mr. Ben Adank stated that he would speak with the Town Board at their next meeting to explore their options and report back to the Committee.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – STRATEGIC PLANNING: Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that this agenda item was added to the agenda based on the concerns of BBC. She had understood that someone from BBC would be in attendance at the meeting to address this issue. Ms. Sonya Hansen inquired as to if there are any changes any member would like to see of the program or researched by the Manager or Director. She indicated that the County would like to see the education and outreach improved with more information available on the County website. It was the intent of the County to build the program as efficiently as possible.

Manager Randy Johnson discussed the future need of a new truck to replace either the 2011 or 2006 based on the current replacement schedule. The 2011 International has 160,000 miles and 7300 hours. The 2006 has 148,000 miles and 7500 hours. Manager Johnson explained that he does most of the truck repairs and recommended selling the 2006. He needs to have a backup truck in the event the main truck goes out of service. He explained that if the repair is under a warranty, it could take up to a week before the truck is back in service. Options of leasing were discussed and due the uniqueness of the equipment needs, it may be difficult to find a leased vehicle that could fill the needs of the program but this could be explored.

The Committee members instructed Manager Randy Johnson to get bids for a new truck and obtain resale prices for the other trucks to determine which truck would be sold. Manager Randy Johnson indicated he would also check with the Highway Department to see what vendors they use for truck purchases.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – SITE REPORTS: Manager Randy Johnson reviewed the load reports at each site and explained the various box capacities. He stated that glass is down which reduces weight or tonnage but volume is up.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Ms. Sonya Hansen informed the Committee that the 2018 Recycling Grant funds have been received in the amount of \$98,925.00. She also indicated that the DNR completed an inspection on the Buffalo County Recycling Center in Mondovi on April 24, 2019 and found the facility in

compliance with no violations. They stated that the immediate area and transfer building was adequately maintained.

Ms. Sonya Hansen informed the Committee members of the upcoming Clean Sweep Event at the Mondovi Highway Shop on Thursday, June 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Randy Johnson reviewed the report on the E-Waste counts and weights from the successful event held in April at the BBC site. He reminded the members that the Mondovi event was scheduled for September 22nd at the Mondovi Highway Shop from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT UNREALTED TO AGENDA ITEMS: None.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING AND AGEND AITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda should include a discussion on short-term goals, long-term goals and truck bids.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Black seconded by Mr. Tom Huber to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen
Recording Secretary