

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board:

Recycling Committee

Date of Meeting:

December 13, 2018

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Marvin Meier, Mr. Bob Traun (in place of Bob Carothers), Mr. Bradley Hanson, Mr. Ben Adank, Mr. Nathan Nelson, Mr. Bruce Kees, Ms. Jeannie Czaplewski and Mr. Max Weiss. Excused were: Mr. Joe Wick, Mr. Al Amann and Mr. Darin Larson.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Manager Randy Johnson, Bruce Fuerbringer and Mr. David Danzinger.

MINUTES: Motion by Ben Adank, seconded by Bob Traun to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS: No comments were received.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer reviewed the 2018 budgeted to actual expenditures and revenues as of November 30, 2018 with the Committee. The 2018 budget was expected to come in under budget. No action required of the Committee.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - 2019 PROPOSED BROCHURE & FEES:

Current recycling brochure and fees discussed.

- a. Electronic recycling fees will be adjusted in 2019 based on vendor costs changes in 2018.
- b. Recommended to revise the brochure to cover the basics of what is accepted and then refer customers to the County Recycling Web Page for more detailed information.
- c. Bruce and Randy to work on recycling brochure similar to Pierce County's booklet.
- d. Motion made by Ben Adank and seconded by Brad Hanson to change to year-round collection of electronic recyclables at select sites in the County and to utilize best priced vendor for recycling of the items. Motion Carried.
- e. Ben Adank offered to work on point-of-sale (POS) system that recycling sites can use to modernize and simplify the process that attendants currently use to record collection of fees and local sales. Ben will bring the sample POS system to a future committee meeting.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECYCLING PROGRAM EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS:

Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer reviewed with the committee each of the recommendations and implementation strategies presented to the Committee.

- Mr. Fuerbringer was directed to create or update the job description for attendants at County recycling sites, along with a list of site work duties that the attendants are expected to carry out, understanding that they are not County employees;
- Each site will be evaluated every 6 months to determine if the site attendants are performing the duties as indicated and as listed in the contract with the County;
- The Mondovi site fork lift is currently listed for sale, per previous Committee direction;

- Mr. Fuerbringer will prepare a letter to Town Board Presidents regarding the recycling program, encouraging all municipalities to work with the County as the Responsible Unit /recycling program; he will request to speak at local Town meetings regarding the County recycling program and current recommendations/actions.
- Issues associated with the City of Mondovi issuing a key to the property that the County recycling center is located on were discussed; illegal dumping is the concern. Mr. Brad Hanson agreed to bring the issue to his City Council.
- Mr. Fuerbringer was directed to move forward researching the potential of a cooperative program with Pepin County and the City of Mondovi. Mr. Hanson noted that the City of Mondovi had just approved a 5-year contract with Durand Sanitation for garbage and recycling collection in the City.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION – Recycling/Solid Waste Cooperative Study Proposed Timetable:

Mr. Fuerbringer presented a draft action plan/time table for the Pepin County/Buffalo County/City of Mondovi cooperative effort study research. Ms. Tiffany Stocks, a student at the UW-River Falls, has agreed to undertake the study. The goal is to have the study completed by mid-April, 2019.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PART TIME RECYCLING DRIVERS:

The committee was presented with a potential classified ad to recruit part-time recycling drivers to assist with the hauling of recyclables from County sites. It was noted that there are currently only 2 part-time drivers, and they are not always available when needed. It was recommended to have a larger pool of part-time drivers available to assist when needed. Motion by Mr. Brad Hanson, seconded by Mr. Ben Adank to advertise for additional drivers. Motion carried.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECYCLING SITE REPORTS:

The Town of Milton will direct residents to use BBC for recycling purposes beginning January 1, 2019.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

No additional report.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MANAGER’S REPORT:

Load/tonnage report was provided to the committee. Mr. Randy Johnson noted that as load numbers increase, so do the hauling costs. Randy expects 2018 to have approximately 600 loads hauled, and 330 tons of recycling shipped out of the County, which is up slightly from 2019.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHAIR’S REPORT:

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Dave Danzinger provided comments of a historical perspective for the recycling program.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting date: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Fuerbringer, Acting Recording Secretary