

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Recycling Committee
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, August 30, 2018
Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Sonya Hansen, Manager Randy Johnson, Bruce Fuerbringer and Rachel Kromrey, Community Resource Coordinator for Pepin County.

MINUTES: Manager Randy Johnson indicated that there was an error in the minutes that state the Electronic Recycling Event for Mondovi is at the Highway Shop and it is being held at the Mondovi Recycling Center. Mr. Don Black made a motion seconded by Mr. Marvin Meier to approve the May 30, 2018 minutes with the corrections noted. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS: None.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Sonya Hansen reviewed the 2018 budgeted to actual expenditures and revenues as of July 31, 2018 with the Committee. The BBC, Nelson and Mondovi sites revenues and expenditure reports were also distributed to the Committee for review. No action required of the Committee.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - 2019 BUDGET:

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2019 budget. A discussion was held in regard to using the fund balance to balance the budget. It was noted that the current fund balance is \$394,338.88. A motion was made by Mr. Don Black seconded by Mr. Nathan Nelson to approve the 2019 budget as presented. Motion Carried.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECYCLING SITE REPORT OVERVIEW BY BRUCE FUERBRINGER:

Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer was approved by the Finance Committee to review the current recycling program in the absence of the current director, Stephen Schiffli. He had met with the townships to discuss participation by those who presently are not part of the

program and to gather input from those participating as to what is working and what changes they would like to see made.

Program participants reported wanting additional information or more communication or updates to the status of the program with occasional attendance at their local meetings. Townships surveyed stated that they would be willing to pay more for the program if quantifiable improved services were provided.

Mr. Fuerbringer recommended that the County be ready for capital equipment and staffing. Equipment must be viable and reliable. There must be adequate and sustainable staff available to meet hauling demands. Mr. Fuerbringer looked at the equipment with Manager Randy Johnson. They identified the present compactor was designed to handle garbage and currently is not effective for recycling needs. This will be an area that needs to be addressed in future strategic plans for the program.

He identified that there currently is no control over solid waste flowage. Private haulers charge what they want and haul where they want. This practice has an impact on the recycling program as dumpsters filled with recycling materials go into the landfill. This practice should also be reviewed in the future.

Mr. Fuerbringer recommends investigating a cooperative program with Pepin County and others while maintaining the current program with an increase in management and planning efforts in 2019. If the cooperative program looks attractive, to create a draft program budget (operational and capital improvements) for the program for the Committee to review for potential implementation process starting in 2020.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Ms. Rachel Kromrey reviewed Pepin County recycling activities and the Cap Stone Project. Mr. Bradley Hanson reviewed his experience and research with recycling processes.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Huber seconded by Mr. Larry Traun to approve the exploration of the Cap Stone Project with Pepin County and the City of Mondovi and to report back to the Committee. Motion Carried.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHROIZE THE PURCHASE OF TRUCK AND HOIST FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Manager Randy Johnson reviewed the bids obtained for the truck purchase from Mid-State Truck and River States Truck and hoist bids from Monroe Truck and Stellar.

A motion was made by Mr. Nathan Nelson seconded by Mr. Don Black to adopt the resolution to authorize the Recycling Department to expend up to \$77,500 from the Recycling Department fund for the purpose of acquiring one Freightliner truck with a Cummings B6.7 diesel engine and a Stellar hook lift and trade in the 2007 International w/Hook lift truck to reduce expenditures by up to \$21,000.00. Motion Carried.

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. He informed the members that there are issues with the Town of Milton collection box having excessive water due to the tarp not being applied appropriately.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Recycling Grant Update: Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer reported that he is working on the grant which is due by October 1, 2018 to receive 100% of the grant award from the state and that he would have no issues in meeting this timeline.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Randy Johnson reviewed the tonnage report from each site as of August 3, 2018.

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, November 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Black seconded by Mr. Marvin Meier to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen
Recording Secretary