

## Buffalo County Meeting Minutes

**Committee/Board:**

**Recycling Committee**

**Date of Meeting:**

**Thursday July 8, 2021**

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

**Board Members Present:** Jeannie Czaplewski, Marvin Meier, Bruce Kees, Max Weiss, Bob Traun, Claire Waters, David Danzinger, Dwight Ruff.

**Board Members Excused:** Ben Adank, Brian Glass

**Others present:** Recycling Director Bruce Fuerbringer, Ron Kazmkierczak, General Public.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Claire Waters and seconded by Dwight Ruff to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting. Motion Passed without opposition.

**Public comments regarding posted agenda items:** No comments were received.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Financial Report:**

Mr. Fuerbringer reviewed the YTD budget revenues and expenses, noting that the program is running under budget for the first half of the year. The Committee acknowledged the report with no approval required.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Update on Recycling Statistics:**

Mr. Fuerbringer reviewed the YTD hauling statistics noting that tonnages were slightly higher than over the same period last year. This was attributed to the influence of the pandemic and more at-home activity, including eating, that may have resulted in increased recyclable containers.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Approval of County Recycling Agreement with BBC & M:**

A proposed updated agreement was presented to the Committee by Mr. Fuerbringer to replace the agreements that have been in place since the early 1990's. It was noted that many things have changed since the County ran a multi- or dual-stream program, culminating with the current single-stream system. The committee reviewed the draft of the proposed agreement and made several recommendations to modify several areas of verbiage, directing Mr. Fuerbringer to continue to work on the agreement and bring back a revised draft to the next meeting.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Consideration of Recycling Department oversight restructuring.**

This was brought up as an informational item to the Committee by Mr. Fuerbringer to advise them that the new Emergency Management Director's position will not be coupled with the Recycling Director's position to make it a full-time position. Instead, Emergency Management is

being split with a new Risk Manager position. The Recycling Director's position is being studied at this time for a potential restructuring of the Recycling Manager's position to include the administrative duties that the director currently takes care of. As research into this continues, the Committee will be kept advised. In the meantime, Mr. Fuerbringer has committed to continue to work with the County in recycling even after his emergency management duties cease, until a resolution is determined.

**Review/Discussion Action – Other Reports**

No other reports.

**Public Comments Unrelated to Agenda Items**

No public comments.

**Review/Discussion Action – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items**

Next meeting date set for August 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Claire Waters and seconded by Bob Traun to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Bruce Fuerbringer, Recycling Director