

Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mitchell at 9:32 a.m. Those present included: Justin Running, Shawn Redington, Kelli Mitchell, Lorn Goede, Mary Rae, Roger Call, Ole Yttri, Dennis Brault, Tim Hundt, Bill Meeks, and Stacie Sanborn.

Proper Public Meeting Notice was confirmed.

A motion was made by Redington, with a second by Rae to approve the minutes of the June 12th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

Roger Call presented the Committee with a sheet of questions for consideration regarding hauler contracts and enforcement, enforcement of the new County Flow-Control Ordinance, and future expansion cost related to tipping fee increases.

June Committee Report

Landfill material volumes were up 34% from June of 2018 and 18% from 2018's year-to-date. Recycling volumes are up 25% from June of 2018 and 39% from 2018's year-to-date. Recyclables sold volumes are down 89% for June and also down 35% year-to-date. Leachate expenses are up 36% for June and 57% year-to-date due to the extreme rainfall we are seeing.

Combined revenues for the Solid Waste and the Recycling departments are at 50% of budget while expenses are at 42% of budget.

Chairman Running left meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Review/Approve Vouchers

Vouchers totaling \$83,205.86 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Redington, with a second by Goede to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion on Landfill Expansion

Sanborn presented on the potential costs and impacts of expanding the county landfill. The current landfill has an estimated life of five to seven year remaining depending on volumes received. Volumes are increasing moving expansion closure to the five year mark. The DNR siting process takes roughly five years to complete. One of the major costs of expansion is the Feasibility Study required through the DNR coming in between \$500,000 to \$700,000 dollars. The other major cost factor would be the actual construction of the expansion which could range from \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000.

The Expansion would increase the landfill footprint roughly five to six acres and provide the department with an additional 300,000 tons of capacity.

The Committee suggested we get the input from the municipalities regarding the expansion.

Recycling Market Update from Liz Lammers from Quincy Recycling

Liz Lammers discussed with the Committee what she is seeing in the recycling markets for the Midwest Region and some potential mill openings and their potential positive impact on the Department's current recycling program.

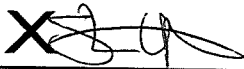
Department Update

Sanborn introduced Hannah Boland the new Part-time Admin. Assistant to the SWR Committee. Sanborn shared the successes of the Spring Clean Sweep including volumes collected and costs. Sanborn also updated the Committee on a complaint that was filed against the Department to the WI DNR regarding leachate containment.

The next SW/R Committee meeting will be August 14th, 2019 at 9:30a.m.

A motion was made by Goede, with a second by Rae, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:48 a.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sanborn.



Shawn Redington, Secretary