

May 18, 2015

Minutes of the **Florence County Recycling Management Board** meeting conducted on May 6, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the 2nd floor conference room of the courthouse, Florence, WI.

Present: Tim Bomberg, Gary Steber, Betty Bock, Elinor Trosin, Diana Hensley, John Halada, Matt Brunette

Absent: Fred Hedmark and Fred Erwin

Others Present: Holly Stratton, Trish Kelly, Rich Wolosyn

Rich Wolosyn called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Rich Wolosyn then opened the floor for nominations of Chairperson. Gary Steber nominated Tim Bomberg for Chairperson. Elinor Trosin made a motion that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Tim Bomberg. Matt Brunette supported the motion. Vote taken seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried. Wolosyn turned the meeting over to Chairperson Bomberg.

Chairperson Bomberg opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chairperson. Gary Steber nominated Elinor Trosin for Vice-Chairperson. John Halada made a motion that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Elinor Trosin. Betty Bock supported the motion. Vote taken seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried. Elinor Trosin is the Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Bomberg asked for approval of the agenda. **Motion by Gary Steber to approve the agenda, second by Betty Bock, vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Chairman Bomberg asked for a motion on the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 3, 2014. **Motion by Elinor Trosin to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 3, 2014, second by Gary Steber vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

The current bills were reviewed as presented for payment and recommended to Audit & Budget Committee for approval. **Motion by Gary Steber to approve the bills and recommend to the Audit & Budget Committee for approval, second by Matt Brunette, vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Under discussion/action regarding possible reduction in the recycling grant program. Wolosyn noted the reduction is now reality. Our office was informed this morning and throughout the day of the \$4 million reduction in recycling grant money to local governments starting next year. The second year the grant money is to be reinstated. An e-mail was sent to Daniel Werner of the DNR asking for a calculation of what this reduction will mean for Florence County. According to Mr. Werner, figure on about 21% less of the \$78,997.00 currently received in prior years, which is approximately \$16,589.37 reduction. Eagle Waste and Recycling was contacted to see what Florence County could do to help offset the reduction. The route driver suggested that we look at possibly creating a drop off in the Town of Homestead, as currently the residents now carry their solid waste to a drop off site. A current one time collection of current containers would be \$1800.00. Eagle Waste and Recycling evaluated the differences to consider going from current method of collection to collecting at the drop off site. A savings of \$433.00 per month or \$5,200.00 per year regarding the current pickup of recycling now. There would be a charge of \$228.00 per month for dumping (4) 8 yard dumpsters every four weeks, with a one-time charge to deliver the dumpsters of \$350.00. The net savings would be \$205.00 per month or \$2,460.00 per year. This does not come close to the \$16,589.37 shortfall for next year. Further discussion ensued regarding the program and ways to help reduce cost in order to continue to provide the service. The committee will meet again on June 3, 2015 to try and find ways to reduce the cost of recycling.

Motion by Gary Steber to adjourn, second by John Halada, vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.

Trish Kelly

Recycling Coordinator