

May 15, 2014

Minutes of the **Florence County Recycling Management Board** meeting conducted on May 7, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the 2nd floor conference room of the courthouse, Florence, WI.

Present: Tim Bomberg, John Halada, Gary Steber, Fred Hedmark, Fred Erwin, Matt Brunette, Fran Modschiedler

Absent: Betty Bock and Elinor Trosin were excused.

Others Present: Trish Kelly, Rich Wolosyn

Rich Wolosyn called the meeting to order and took roll call. He introduced Matt Brunette as the newly appointed County Representative for the Recycling Management Board. Roundtable introductions were made by the townships present.

Rich Wolosyn then opened the floor for nominations of Chairperson. Gary Steber nominated Tim Bomberg for Chairperson. Fred Erwin made a motion that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Tim Bomberg. Fran Modschiedler 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 Fred Erwin for Vice-Chairperson. Fran Modschiedler made a motion that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Fred Erwin. John Halada supported the motion. Vote taken seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.

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

Chairman Bomberg asked for a motion on the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 4, 2013. **Motion by Gary Steber to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 4, 2013, second by Fred Hedmark 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. Kelly noted since the reduction in Recycling Grant back in mid-year 2011, we haven't been able to finish in the black for the last three years. Again, there was some cost carried over into 2014. Hopefully, this is the year we will be able to catch up. **Motion by Gary Steber to approve the bills and recommend to the Audit & Budget Committee for approval, second by Fred Erwin, vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

A report on the tour of the Eagle Waste and Recycling facility in Eagle River was given. The tour took place back on November 14th of 2013. Information along with pictures from the tour was handed out for those members who were unable to attend. Since the tour they have purchased another bailer and have made some modifications. Wolosyn informed the committee that during the tour he had discussed with Eagle Waste, the ability to incorporate an educational component for school age children and offer tours of the facility, as well as classroom training. This would be a great educational opportunity for the children to learn about the recycling world. Also, according to the weights provided by Eagle Waste, recycling was up 23 percent from last year. Florence County is well above the national average for recycling pounds per person per year, based on the population. Committee members agreed the recycling program is moving forward in the right direction for the County.

(continued minutes of the Recycling Management Board meeting on 5-7-14)

Under committee reports. Matt Brunette said he called Eagle Waste & Recycling for a recycling container and was told once they get enough orders for a truckload they would bring the containers over. His thought is to bring some containers over here to a central location and have them readily available for when someone needs one. Wolosyn noted in the start up phase, Eagle Waste and Recycling had asked if there was a place to store them and if he would deliver the containers for them. Tim Bomberg said there are containers at the town garage. Wolosyn said he would look into the matter.

Under administrator reports. Kelly reported she received a call from a resident off of S. Cosgrove Lake who felt the County should put pressure on Eagle Waste and Recycling to obtain an 800 telephone number for residents to use when recycling issues occur. Eagle Waste and Recycling was contacted and they do not have an 800 number. Committee members felt it was up to Eagle Waste and Recycling to provide an 800 number.

The 2013 Annual Report for Recycling Program Accomplishments and Actual Costs was submitted on March 31, 2014 to the Department of Natural Resources. This report is mandatory for annual reporting and request of financial recycling grant reimbursement. On April 2, 2014 the award notification letter was received and offered an award of \$78,997 to offset the recycling program cost for 2014.

Wolosyn received an e-mail complaint from the Town of Commonwealth that there was material thrown alongside the road. He forwarded the e-mail directly to Alan Albee at Eagle Waste and Recycling. Mr. Albee responded that he would have someone take a look at the area.

Motion by Fran Modschiedler to adjourn, second by Matt Brunette, vote seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.

Trish Kelly

Recycling Coordinator