

June 15, 2020

Minutes of the **Florence County Recycling Management Board** meeting conducted on June 3, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the 2nd floor conference room of the courthouse, Florence, WI.

Present: Tim Bomberg, Gary Steber, Fran Modschiedler, Ed Kelley, Dale Ritchie, Fred Hedmark

Absent: Betty Bock, Fred Erwin. Elinor Trosin was excused.

Others Present: Scott Wolf, Trish Kelly

Chairperson Tim Bomberg asked for approval of the agenda. **Motion by Gary Steber to approve the agenda, second by Fran Modschiedler, vote six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Chairperson Tim Bomberg asked for a motion on the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 4, 2019. **Motion by Ed Kelley to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on September 4, 2019, second by Gary Steber, vote six (6) 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 Ed Kelley, vote six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Discussion/action regarding removal of scrap metal and tires at the drop off sites. Kelly informed the committee with regard to the scrap metal pickup, she had conversation with Ellen from DJ's Recycling and was told she is closing her business and will dissolve. DJ's Recycling has been doing business in the county for over 20 years. They did a great job cleaning up the drop off sites and thanked her for the many years of service as a contractor to Florence County. Kelly presented the committee with three contractors in the local area, one does not pick up material but does provide containers, and one did not return the call. A company out of Antigo was also contacted and said it would not be cost effective due to the low scrap prices and the distance. Superior Recycling out of Iron River was contacted and are interested in picking up the scrap material, however, scrap metal prices are currently very low and there probably would not be a percentage profit margin paid to the towns at this time, unless the price of scrap increases. The committee members who represent the drop-off sites said they are running out of space at their sites and would like the material removed, so long as they do not have to pay to have it removed, and agreed to move forward with Superior Recycling. Fran Modschiedler said the Town of Long Lake/Tipler will continue with their current contractor for scrap metal pickup.

Regarding tire pickup, a local company was contacted, however, they do not pick up tires. Another contact was made with a company from out of the area, they wanted the smaller sites to bring the tires to a larger site for one pickup. Contact was then made with Liberty Tire Recycling and concluded with a 12-month service agreement that each town drop-off site personnel would need to agree to. Liberty is in the area every 6 to 8 weeks and each tire would be counted and loaded individually for a true count. For a grapple pickup there would need to be minimum of 10-ton at a site. Should the committee be in agreement, Liberty Tire will set up a service agreement for each town to review and sign, if they so choose. The committee agreed to move forward with Liberty Tire and have Kelly work in coordination with the contractor and the towns.

Discussion/action regarding review of electronic waste collection. The Town of Commonwealth had a concern that the fees the town charges for e-waste does not cover the invoice amount from Lamp Recyclers with all of the additional service fees that are charged. Kelly provided price information on e-waste from Eagle Waste and Recycling as another option. One of the town drop-off sites currently uses Eagle Waste, and another town drop-off site has used Eagle Waste in the past for e-waste pickup. The fees may need to increase to cover the cost of e-waste removal in the future.

Under committee concerns. Chairperson Bomberg said we need to continue to work on e-waste recycling and tracking the tires at the drop-off sites.

Under administrator concerns. Kelly informed the committee that 427.76 ton of residential recycling material was collected in the county in 2019. In line with the tonnage collected in 2018, which was 427.04 ton. She also reported the Treasurer's office received the 2020 recycling grant monies in the amount of \$78,997.00 and was deposited on June 2, 2020.

Future agenda items. Discussion on future funding for the recycling program.

Motion by Gary Steber to adjourn, second by Fran Modschiedler, vote six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.

Trish Kelly