

## Buffalo County Meeting Minutes

**Committee/Board:**

Recycling committee

**Date of Meeting:**

Thursday May 23, 2019

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Jeannie Czaplewski, Marvin Meier, Bruce Kees, Brad Hanson, Brian Glass, Max Weiss, Don Black. (Note: Brian Glass replaces Darin Larson as the Village of Nelson representative.)

**Board Members Excused:** Bob Traun, Ben Adank.

**Others present for all or part of the Meeting:** Ron Speltz, Recycling Manager Randy Johnson and Interim Recycling Director Bruce Fuerbringer.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Don Black and seconded by Bruce Kees to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting. Motion Passed without opposition.

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

**Review/Discussion Action – Status of Action Plan Progress:**

Mr. Fuerbringer reviewed the tasks that have been taken to date and actions that are being brought to the Committee for action at this meeting.

**Review/Discussion Action – Single Stream Recycling Update**

Mr. Fuerbringer re-capped the presentation that was provided by Mr. Matt Harter of Green Circle Recycling at an informal Recycling meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when a quorum for an official Recycling Committee meeting was unable to be attained. A brief discussion regarding single-stream recycling ensued.

Motion made by Don Black and seconded by Bruce Kees to change from the current dual-stream recycling system to a single-stream system at the earliest legal opportunity, understanding that the County is under contract with Pierce County at this time, and that the change to single stream may carry a cost factor of approximately \$28,000.00 over current program costs. Motion carried without opposition.

Further discussion directed Mr. Fuerbringer to look into how the cost factor could be assessed so that non-resident property owners in the County also contribute to the program costs, lowering the costs to the County's permanent residents that reside in the County Responsible Unit area.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Joint Recycling/Highway Staffing Proposal Update.**

The committee was presented with three options that had been brought forward for consideration in improving Recycling Program staffing. It was recognized that the increased workload that a single-stream program would bring, and due to Mr. Randy Johnson's current PTO status as a veteran employee, the program requires additional staffing to continue to operate at an acceptable level. The three options are:

1. Hire a permanent part-time position at 20 hrs./week with limited benefits.
2. Create a new full-time position in cooperation with the Highway Department whereby both the Recycling Program and Highway Department pay for 50% of the position and the hours are split between the two.
3. Create a new full-time position of Recycling Program Director whereby 50% of the duties would be the management of the program and 50% of the duties would be working in the field as a recycling truck driver and processor.

After significant discussion, a motion was made by Don Black and seconded by Jeannie Czaplowski to support option #2, the joint position with the Highway Department. Motion passed without objection.

### **Review/Discussion Action – Approve/Deny/Modify Expenditures Associated with Action Plan.**

Committee Chair Max Weiss asked that agenda items #8 & 9 be combined, and that the committee address each proposed capital purchase separately for approval consideration. There being no objections, the Committee proceeded to address the following capital purchases:

*Roll-off trailers:* Motion made by Marvin Meier, seconded by Don Black to purchase one (1) roll-off trailer, cost factor not to exceed \$11,500.00. Motion Passed without objection.

Motion made by Max Weiss, seconded by Brian Glass to refurbish one (1) roll-off trailer, cost factor not to exceed \$5,500.00. Motion passed without objection. *Note: Mr. Johnson to determine which of the two current trailers is best suited for refurbishment.*

*Roll-off containers:* Motion made by Marvin Meier, seconded by Bruce Kees to refurbish up to six (6) roll-off containers per the submitted quote by Alloy Metal of Eau Claire, cost factor not to exceed \$10,700.00. Motion passed without objection.

Motion made by Don Black, seconded by Marvin Meier to purchase two (2) roll-off containers with polyurea sealant applied, cost factor not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion passed without objection.

Motion by Don Black, seconded by Brian Glass that the approved 2019 expenditures be paid for by the liquid fund balance dollars currently deposited in the Waumandee State Bank, and that future non-capital expenses (personnel) be paid for through the normal budgeting process beginning in 2020.

Chair Max Weiss clarified that the Committee approved the change to single stream based on a proposed contract from Green Circle Recycling of Onalaska, and the purchase of capital equipment at the stated cost factor limits, but leaving the specific vendor choice at the option of Mr. Fuerbringer with input from Mr. Johnson, as interest has been indicated by additional vendors to supply the equipment, but who were unable to get a quote submitted in time for the committee meeting. There was a consensus among the committee members that this is the correct intent.

The Committee supported, without a formal motion, increasing the maintenance and repair budget line by \$5,000 in anticipation of outsourcing expenses due to the reduced availability of Mr. Johnson to perform repairs/maintenance in-house.

The Committee also chose to table the discussion on the construction of a three-sided car port-type outbuilding to store the roll-off containers that are used to swap out with the full containers at the recycling site. Discussion confirmed that there is a need for such an outbuilding, but that further research needs to be done to confirm size, location, building type and associated cost factors; if the structure was to be built at the Mondovi recycling center, permission would need to be obtained from the City of Mondovi first, as the City owns the property the center is located on.

#### **Review/Discussion Action – Other Reports**

No other reports.

#### **Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items**

No comments were received.

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

The next meeting will be scheduled for July25, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Jeannie Czaplewski, seconded by Marvin Meier to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Fuerbringer, Interim Recycling Director