

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Recycling Committee

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Max Weiss at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Max Weiss, Ms. Jeannie Czaplewski, Mr. Marv Meier, Mr. Bruce Kees, Mr. Al Amann, Ms. Mary Lisowski and Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer.

Public Comments: None.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kees. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Recycling Program Financial Report: The initial 2019 budget shows that it will be approximately \$59,000.00 (or 37%) overspent. There are additional revenues that will be coming in yet and recorded that will reduce this. In addition, Capital Improvement Expenses (new equipment) have been recorded that will be covered by transferring monies from the fund balance. Therefore, we will have to wait for final budget numbers in early 2020 to determine 2019's exact budget figures.

Review/Discussion/Action: Update on 2019 tonnage: Recycling Manager Randy Johnson reported that overall, the volume of recycling is up while tonnage is down. This is primarily due to greater quantities of paper and plastics and less metals and glass. As of October, approximately 270 ton of materials have been hauled to Pierce County in approximately 495 trips, or slightly ahead of 2018 figures.

Review/Discussion/Action: Update on CIP Projects: Of the approved CIP equipment purchases and refurbishment of equipment, two are in progress; 1) six (6) roll-off trailers are currently in the process of refurbishment at Alloy Metals in Eau Claire, and 2) a new custom made roll-off trailer is being fabricated at Driftless Custom Works out of Nelson. Both projects are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Review/Discussion/Action: Contract with Green Circle Recycling: The contract was reviewed by Corporate Counsel, who stated he had no issues with it as written. Per initial feedback, I contacted Mr. Harter of Green Circle with the request to modify the voluntary termination timeframe to allow the County to give a 2-year notice instead of 5-years. The giving notice timeframe would go into effect after the first 3-year period. Motion made by Mr. Meiers and seconded by Mr. Traun to approve the change to contract language, and recommend signing the contract. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action: Introduction of new employee. Mr. Joe Serum, the new Recycling/Highway Department shared employee was unable to attend the meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action: Other Reports: No other reports.

Public Comments Unrelated to Agenda Items: No public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:
The next meeting will be set for early 2020 through Mr. Fuerbringer, in consultation with Mr. Weiss.

Adjourn: Ms. Czaplewski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Amann. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Fuerbringer
Buffalo County Recycling Interim Director