

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Recycling Committee

**Date of Meeting:** May 19, 2022

**Date of Filing:** May 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Ryan VanDeWalle at 6:03 p.m.

Ryan VanDeWalle opened the meeting for the Recycling Committee and took roll

**Roll Call of Members:** Max Weiss, Jeannie Czaplewski, Dwight Ruff, Bob Traun, Tony Pfaff, Ryan VanDeWalle, Marvin Meier, Perry Pronschinski, Brian Michaels, Claire Waters, Calvin Loewenhagen

**Public Present:** Jared Cyrus, Ron Kazmierczak

**Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action - The Minutes of the previous meeting:** Dwight Ruff motioned, Bob Traun second the motion to accept the minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting

**Review/Discussion/Action – Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Recycling Committee:** Dwight Ruff motioned to nominate Max Weiss for the chair. Claire Waters motioned to nominate Dwight Ruff for chair. A paper vote was done by Ryan VanDeWalle, Max Weiss was voted to be the chair of the committee. Max Weiss motioned to nominate Dwight Ruff for vice chair. Claire Waters motioned to nominate Brian Michaels for vice chair. A paper vote was done by Ryan VanDeWalle, Dwight Ruff was voted vice chair.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Raising Disposal Fees for Sites:** There was a long discussion on current fees and the new fee schedule that was proposed. Tony Pfaff had stated some sites were struggling financially as the fees the county had set any years ago were not covering the current cost of disposal. Jeannie Czaplewski did not believe BBC&M needed to raise their fees. Dwight Ruff motioned to adopt the new fee schedule proposed by Tony Pfaff. Claire Waters second the motion. Motion passed to move forward with the new disposal fees.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Raising Trip Fee for LaCrosse Milling:** Tony Pfaff explained with the increasing costs of fuel and overhead, the fee of \$100 per trip implemented in 2015 was no longer enough. The committee suggested raising the trip fee to \$175 if LaCrosse Milling buys another box to keep at the Mondovi recycling site. If they do not buy another box, the committee suggested raising the per trip fee to \$250. Dwight Ruff motioned to move forward with the new per trip fee. Marvin Meier second the motion. Motion carries.

**Review/Discussion/Action – BBC&M Updates:** Ryan VanDeWalle started the conversation. Jared Cyrus will be buying the building at the Cochrane site for \$5,050 plus tax but with no auction premium. There was conversation about agreements and contracts between Buffalo County Recycling, BBC&M and Jared Cyrus (Waste Transport) to protect all parties involved. Dwight Ruff gave an example what if Waste Transport sold out in a year, where would that leave everyone? Tony Pfaff said in that contract or agreement that Buffalo County would still be the RU and be able to claim tonnage and residents from BBC&M for grant purposes. There was also discussion about the \$7500 payment the county gives to BBC&M annually for site attendant costs, as well as will BBC&M still have to pay the Per Capita charged yearly by Buffalo County Recycling. Tony Pfaff stated that the annual Per Capita fee and the \$7500 annual payment will need to be addressed and included in the agreement.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Review Per Capita for 2022:** Ryan VanDeWalle told the committee that the Per Capita invoices had not been sent out yet for 2022. Other years it was sent out to municipalities around March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 1 Trailer, 2 Roll Off Boxes for Wisconsin Surplus Auction:** Tony Pfaff told the committee there is 1 older trailer and 2 older boxes sitting at the Mondovi site that have not moved in years. He recommended putting them on the auction. Claire Waters motioned to sell those 3 items on the auction. Jeannie Czaplewski second the motion. Motion carries.

**Review/Discussion ~ 2023 Clean Sweep:** Tony Pfaff told the committee he will be applying for a grant to hold a Clean Sweep in 2023. The amount of the grant he is asking for is \$21,000 from the Wi DNR. Tony Pfaff said Carl Dooley will be retiring this year and in the future the UW Extension office will not be part of this process. The 2023 Clean Sweep event will be at the Mondovi Hwy Shop. Ryan VanDeWalle talked about the Resolution presented to the committees.

**Review/Discussion/Action – A Resolution to Fund and Support the 2023 Clean Sweep Program:** Ryan VanDeWalle presented a Resolution for the committee. Claire Waters motioned to accept the Resolution. Dwight Ruff second the motion. Motion carries

**Review/Discussion ~ Sites Charging Different Fees for Disposal Than the County Has Set:** Tony Pfaff said some sites are charging their own set fees. The Town of Nelson will be excluded from the free scrap metal bin for residents on the website and recycling brochure.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Recycling Reports:** Tony Pfaff asked the different municipalities if they were having issues with site attendants not showing up on time. He also talked about how high inflation equals high returns on recyclables

**Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action - Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting was set for Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Brian Michaels, second by Perry Pronschinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tony Pfaff  
Buffalo County Recycling Manager