

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Recycling Committee

**Date of Meeting:** September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Date of Filing:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Dwight Ruff at 6:00 p.m.

Dwight Ruff opened the meeting for the Recycling Committee and Tony Pfaff took roll

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

**Public Present:** Jared Cyrus, Rafael Dedios-Sanchez, Al Norby, Larry Johansen

**Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items:** Rafael Dedios-Sanchez talked about the City of Mondovi recycling site and how busy it is.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Claire Waters motioned, Bob Traun second the motion to accept the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting

**Review/Discussion/Action – BBC&M Updates:** Jeannie Czaplewski said the transition date has been moved back again until January 1<sup>st</sup>. The BBC&M and Waste Transport contract is close to being finalized. The land lease between the Village of Cochrane and Waste Transport is in progress. Jeannie Czaplewski will have more updates after Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. A lengthy discussion followed.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Green Circle Bill from 2020:** Tony Pfaff explained a bill from November 2020 had not been paid. He noted Green Circle took \$605.56 off the bill due to there not being any past due statements until now. Calvin Loewenhagen made a motion to pay the bill. Claire Waters second the motion. Motion carries

**Review/Discussion/Action – Oil Barrel and Containment at BBC&M:** Tony Pfaff presented tank and containment information, pictures and values. Max Weiss said Buffalo County will give BBC&M the tank and containment if they close the transition deal by the end of September. Dwight Ruff motioned to give the tank and containment to BBC&M if they close the deal by the end of September. Perry Pronschinske second the motion. Motion carries

**Review/Discussion/Action – Proposed 2023 Budget:** Tony Pfaff proposed the 2023 budget with three different scenarios. One budget was without BBC&M, one budget was with BBC&M with no Per Capita increase and one budget was with BBC&M with a Per Capita increase from \$3to \$4 per resident. The Recycling Committee and the Finance

Committee do not want to ok the Recycling budget until the BBC&M issues are resolved. A lengthy discussion followed and the Recycling Committee urged BBC&M and others involved to get their deals finalized as soon as possible.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Mondovi Site Staffing:** Garrett Martin started the conversation. He stated the City of Mondovi does not intend to sign anymore Recycling contracts with Buffalo County starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. He also stated the City of Mondovi is losing money running a site that they do not need open. Tony Pfaff told the committee about different options for the Mondovi site moving forward. A long discussion ensued about the costs and troubles finding employees to staff the sites. Many committee members are unhappy with the decision from the City of Mondovi. The Responsible Unit contract between Buffalo County and the City of Mondovi has Buffalo County as the Responsible Unit for the City of Mondovi recycling tonnage and residents until December 31, 2024. Garrett Martin said at that point the City of Mondovi will look to become their own Responsible Unit and possibly pursue their own grant from the DNR. Tony Pfaff said if the City of Mondovi pulls away from Buffalo County Recycling it will be hard for Buffalo County Recycling to stay afloat and would probably be the end of the Recycling Department. There were also many questions about who's residents are actually using the site. Tony Pfaff volunteered to survey the residents at the gate while the site is open to better understand where the residents are coming from.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Other Reports:** Ryan VanDeWalle said the payments to the City of Mondovi and BBC&M were sent out. He also told the committee the Per Capita invoices were also just sent out. Tony Pfaff explained the items on the surplus auction sold for a total of \$10,130. Tony also told the committee Buffalo County Recycling was awarded a grant from the DNR for \$11,310 for the 2023 Clean Sweep. The final report from Tony Pfaff is the per trip fee for LaCrosse Milling went to \$175 effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

**Review/Discussion/Action - Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting was set for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Perry Pronschinske, second by Max Weiss. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tony Pfaff  
Buffalo County Recycling Manager