

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Recycling Committee

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2022

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Max Weiss at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Tony Pfaff opened the meeting for the Recycling Committee and took roll

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Max Weiss, Ms. Jeannie Czaplewski, Mr. Brian Glass, Mr. David Danzinger (via TEAMS), Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. Bob Traun, Mr. Tony Pfaff, Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle, Mr. Marvin Meier, Mr. Bruce Kees, Mr. Perry Pronschinske and Mr. Garrett Martin

Public Present: Jared Cyrus

Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action - The Minutes of the previous meeting: Dwight Ruff motioned, Marvin Meier second the motion to accept the minutes from the February 3rd, 2022 meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action - BBC&M updates: Ryan VanDeWalle started by talking about the appraisal done to the county owned building at the BBC&M site. Jeannie Czaplewski said the BBC&M board had a meeting to discuss the appraisal. They don't want to use the building and Jared Cyrus stated he does not want to pay anything for the building as the cost to move or tear down the building is too great. However, the only spot Jared can build a transfer station is in the spot where that building sits. Talks resumed on the building price. The decision was made to take bids from the public on the pole shed, as part of that bid they would need to remove the building and cement slab it sits on. Dwight Ruff motioned to open bids for 30 days, Dave Danzinger second the motion. Tony took roll call vote, motion carries. All bids are subject to refusal. Jared Cyrus will get first right of refusal on the winning bid. Many questions were asked by the Committee to Jared about permits and availability of building supplies and the time frame associated with that. Ryan VanDeWalle will talk with Jared Cyrus on March 11th, and if all goes to plan bids from the public will start on that day for the building.

Review/Discussion/Action – Hiring of New Employee: Tony Pfaff said they had interviewed three candidates. The one they want to offer the position to is an experienced heavy equipment operator and wants to be hired as a Class H4 Operator with a starting wage of \$21.60. The Highway Dept already approved the hiring and Tony needed approval from the Recycling Committee. Bob from the Highway Dept told Tony they are committed to having this employee work for them any days he is not needed for recycling. Bruce Kees made a motion to hire the candidate. Bob Traun second the motion. Tony Pfaff took a roll call vote, motion carries to hire the new employee.

Review/Discussion: Buffalo County Recycling Manager updates: Tony Pfaff gave the 2021 Annual Report to the Recycling Committee. He read it aloud and discussed the financial report, hauling statistics, personnel, operations and future planning for the program. Tony Pfaff and Ryan VanDeWalle talked about rising costs for hauling recycling for LaCrosse Milling. Tony said the hauling fee will need to be increased as we are losing money every time we service them. Tony and Ryan will come up with a new hauling fee by the next committee meeting so it can be implemented.

Review/Discussion/Action – Other Reports: Ryan VanDeWalle told the committee some contracts were signed and returned and some were not. He said he will resend any contracts to municipalities that were not sent back so we have all contracts signed and on file.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action - Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 pm

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dwight Ruff, second by Mr. Max Weiss. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tony Pfaff
Buffalo County Recycling Manager