

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 205
Jefferson, WI 53549

Minutes

April 5th, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Members: Dick Schultz, Greg David, Jeff Johns, Anita Martin, and Jeff Smith
Staff: Caitlin McAleavey, Matt Zangl
Place: Room 205 of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S. Center Ave., Jefferson, WI
Or Via Zoom Videoconference

Register and Join Meeting via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUqcO2qqDMjE9QtCa6J2E56uD7KfUDUV>

Meeting ID: 917 7426 8990

Passcode: Waste

1. Call to Order

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)

Solid Waste Members present in person were Dick Schultz, Anita Martin, Jeff Smith and Jeff Johns. Solid Waste staff members present in person were Caitlin McAleavey and Matt Zangl. Land and Water Director Patricia Cicero was also present.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Zangl certified compliance.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Schultz approved agenda. **No objections.**

5. Public Comment *(Not to exceed 15 minutes – Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)*

Janet Foust of W993 Gopher Road, Watertown presented concerns about the impact CAFOs have on the air quality of Jefferson County. Vic Karaliunas of W262 Hillendale Drive, Oconomowoc seconded this concern.

6. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from February 1, 2022, motioned by Johns and seconded by Martin. **No objections. Passed 4-0.**

7. Communications

No communications stated.

8. Update from Veolia

AI provided an update on the upcoming Clean Sweep. McAleavey stated current registration numbers.

9. Update from Refrigerant Depot

Mariana was not able to attend and did not have an update to share.

10. Update from the City of Watertown

No updates provided.

11. Update from the Town of Ixonia

Lee Schmeckpeper, Site Manager of the Town of Ixonia/Concord Transfer Site, resumed his position as site manager but relinquished DNR E-cycling report submittal responsibility to the Town of Ixonia Clerk. Martin asked if we could receive copies of these reports and McAleavey stated she would share the next annual report with the committee. DNR E-cycling reports are due by August 1st of each year.

12. Update from Deer Track Park Landfill

Joe Hackbarth provided an update on the landfill and waste created from the avian flu. He stated that the Deer Park Landfill is not accepting any waste directly contaminated with/created from avian flu. The only materials they are accepting are culled chickens that are being disposed of in the attempts to control the spread. They are working with the DNR, DATCP, and USDA on all matters regarding avian flu. Smith asked who is taking contaminated material. Hackbarth responded he believed Mallard Ridge Landfill owned by GFL was accepting the materials. Martin asked for clarification on how materials are proven to be contaminated or not. Hackbarth stated that is decided by corporate (Waste Management), USDA, and DNR.

13. Update on Upcoming Clean Sweep/Electronics Recycling Event

- a. Friday, April 8th from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Jefferson Fairgrounds
- b. Saturday, April 9th from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. at Jefferson Fairgrounds

McAleavey provided an update to committee members on the upcoming event including registration numbers, layout, duties, categories of waste accepted, and fees associated, etc.

14. Update on Recycling 101 Events

- a. Club 55, Lake Mills Senior Center – Wednesday, April 20th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- b. Dwight Foster Public Library, Fort Atkinson – Thursday, April 21st from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- c. Watertown Public Library – Thursday, April 28th from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

McAleavey provided an update on a new program she started to get updated recycling information out to residents of Jefferson County.

15. Discussion on Air Quality

Zangl provided an update on where staff are in the process of getting responses from the DNR regarding air quality and CAFOs in Jefferson County. He stated once we gather sufficient information, we will have a joint meeting with the Board of Health and Solid Waste Committee to discuss. Martin requested staff reach out to DNR to determine if we could add a particulate matter monitor to the Laatsch Lane monitoring station, or another suitable location. Members discussed the logistics, purpose, and legality of putting air monitors in certain locations. Zangl stated we have requested to meet with the DNR, however they have stated they will answer submitted questions only at this time.

16. Discussion on 2022 Financial Report

Zangl shared the report and stated if anyone had questions to let him know.

17. Discussion on Agricultural Plastics Recycling

McAleavey stated she is attempting to start an agricultural plastic recycling program with Revolution Plastics, specifically for the farms that currently do not have a dumpster provided by Revolution Plastics. A survey has been created to gauge the interest and/or need for more agricultural plastic recycling opportunities in the county that can be sent out in coordination with UW Extension and the Land and Water Department. Additional plastics recycling opportunities were discussed such as water softener bags, dog food bags, mulch bags, etc.

18. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items

- a. Upcoming meeting: Tuesday, June 7th at 8:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. by Smith, seconded by Johns. Passed 4-0.

A Quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

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