

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Ave., Room C1021
Jefferson, WI 53549

Minutes

March 13, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Anita Martin.
2. **Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)** – Committee Members: Martin, Callan, and Steve Nass. Preuss and Groose were excused. Staff Present: Zangl and Buchholz. Michael Luckey, Assistant to the County Administrator was also present.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – In compliance per Zangl.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion by Callan, seconded by Nass, to approve the agenda as printed. 3-0; approved.
5. **Public Comment** - None
6. **Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2024, Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Callan noted that in the minutes under #6, Supervisor Groose name was misspelled. Motion by Callan, seconded by Martin, to approve January 10, 2024, Solid Waste committee meeting minutes with correction as noted. 3-0, approved.
7. **Communications** – None
8. **Departmental Update** – Buchholz provided the committee with a short update. Buchholz attended the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference at the end of February in Wisconsin Dells. Was a good conference where she was able to connect with vendors and other counties. 2023 Grants were closed out and monies have been received: in total of \$27,685. A Drug Take Back event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Fort Atkinson Senior Center. Zangl announced that Shari Fishback has started as the Zoning Administrative Assistant, replacing Deb Magritz who retired.
9. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental Financial Report** – Buchholz stated that a copy of the 2023 budget was included in the agenda packet. Zangl stated that we are at the beginning of the year, and all looks good. There were no questions. Callan asked about donations. Buchholz stated that she did not recently look at her spreadsheet but believed we were around \$4,000.
10. **Update from Deer Track Park Landfill (Joe Hackbarth)** – No updates provided.
11. **Update from Waste Collection Partners** – Zangl and Buchholz met with Stacy Winkelman, City of Watertown Street Department to review their Clean Sweep event. It was a very good meeting. The city requested that their residents not be required to pay the \$10 fee per vehicle. Watertown contributes \$20,000 in support of the Countywide program. This amount covers approximately half of the cost of the event that is hosted in Watertown. Our recommendation would be that City of Watertown are not charged the \$10 fee. The income is minimal.
12. **Discussion from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Presentation on January 25, 2024.** – Callan stated that it was a worthwhile presentation that had a reasonable turnout. Martin thought the same and stated that she followed up with WI DNR with additional questions after the presentation.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Ozone Attainment Status – Committee discussed the Jefferson County Ozone attainment status. Martin reviewed the handout in the agenda packet with the committee.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Clean Sweep/Electronics & Appliance Recycling/Tire Recycling events – Advertising: Buchholz stated that the April 5 & 6 event has been advertised on Facebook, a news release was sent to local media outlets, information was emailed to Chambers of Commerce, Dodge and Jefferson Counties Human Resources Organizations as well as to the Extension Office (4-H Newsletter), Land Conservation Department (annual newsletter) and the Rock River Coalition (newsletter) for distribution. Buchholz showed the committee the new yard signs and asked committee members to take signs as well as posters after the meeting.

Committee discussed upcoming events and volunteers.

- April 5 & 6 - Clean Sweep Logistics (Parks Maintenance Facility) – Callan and Martin available to assist on both days. Callan asked Buchholz to reach out to Jeff Johns.
- April 20 – Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event Logistics (Fair Park) – Callan can assist during first two hours. Martin will get back to Buchholz.
- June 8 - Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event (Lake Mills)
- August 17 – Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event (Fair Park)
- September 13 & 14 - Clean Sweep (Watertown)

The committee recommended that we have a registered and non-registered line for the April 5 & 6 event.

15. Discussion on Updating the Jefferson County Solid Waste Management Plan – Committee was provided a hard copy of the current Solid Waste Plan by Administration and Buchholz emailed a copy of the Walworth Plan after the last meeting. Committee members were asked to review the plans prior to today’s meeting. Martin provided an overview of her review of the plans and stated that we may want to consider adding an internal recycling plan, external opportunities, education focus, recycling at events and having it be a 5-year plan. Callan suggested looking at the current recommended strategies and updating those. Zangl stated that based on the comments, a planning process to update the plan would be needed. Luckey stated that the Community Resource Educator with Extension has been contacted to discuss the project. The committee believes that a more concise plan would be a more useable plan.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on future Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items – Landfill Update, June 8 recycling event, officer elections.

17. Next Solid Waste Committee Meeting – Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 8:30 A.M.

18. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.