

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Ave., Room C2003
Jefferson, WI 53549

June 4, 2024 Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Matt Zangl at 8:31 a.m.
2. **Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)** – Committee Members: Joan Callan, Bob Preuss and Dan Herbst were present. Mark Groose and Matthew Tracy were absent. Staff Present: Matt Zangl and Kim Buchholz. Dave Schilling, Ixonia Transfer Site was present via Zoom.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – In compliance per Zangl.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion by Herbst, seconded by Callan, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion approved, 3-0.
5. **Public Comment** - None
6. **Election of Officers** – Zangl opened nominations for Chair. Callan nominated Preuss. Preuss declined nomination. Preuss nominated Callan for Chair. Callan accepted nomination. No other nominations. Nominations closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Callan to be Chair. Motion approved, 3-0. Callan opened nominations for Vice Chair. Callan nominated Preuss for Vice Chair. Preuss accepted nomination. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Unanimous ballot cast for Preuss to be Vice Chair. Motion approved, 3-0.
7. **Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024, Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Motion by Preuss, seconded by Herbst, to approve March 13, 2024, Solid Waste committee meeting minutes with correction as noted. 3-0, approved.
8. **Communications** – None
9. **Discussion on Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee** – Agenda item tabled until next meeting.
10. **Departmental Update** – Buchholz provided the committee with a short update. Grant for 2025 have been submitted: \$10,000 for Agriculture; \$22,000 for Household; \$4800 for unused prescription drugs. Buchholz stated that the Solid Waste Program had a display with information public could take at the Saturday, April 20, Heart of the City event for Earth Day. This event was during our Electronic & Appliance Recycling event being held at the Fair Park. Buchholz also hosted a Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, April 27 with Detective Hefty, Fort Atkinson Police Department at the Fort Atkinson Senior Center. The event was 1.5 hours in length and brought in 1-1.5 weeks' worth of unused drugs that is typically collected in Fort Atkinson's Drop Box. The Wisconsin Drug Take Back Day was also Saturday, April 27. Jefferson County in total collected 1,398 lbs. of unused drugs. Buchholz also attended the Waterloo Elementary Kids Summer Safety Fair with Vanessa Leaders, Drug Free Coalition, and representatives from the Jefferson County Health Department. Education was provided to elementary students and parents on car seat safety, drug administration safety and proper disposal of unused medicines.
11. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental Financial Report** – A copy of the 2024 budget to date was included in the agenda packet. Zangl stated that the spring clean sweep cost about \$70,000. Need to continue monitoring costs such as businesses are charged as businesses. Prices continue to increase. May need to discuss increasing consumer prices as the program moves forward. May need to look at

a price difference for small carload versus truck/trailer load. Buchholz stated that to date, we have received \$5,750 donations. No other questions.

12. **Update from Deer Track Park Landfill (Joe Hackbarth)** – Hackbarth was unable to attend. Buchholz stated that he wanted the committee to know that they are doing a cap project. This provides a great time to view the landfill and how they are lined and capped. It is a project that is weather dependent. Buchholz asked the committee if there was interest in visiting the facility. The committee asked Buchholz to communicate information with them when viewing would be available. Hackbarth will attend the August 6 meeting to provide an annual update for the landfill.
13. **Update from Waste Collection Partners** – None
14. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Clean Sweep/Electronics & Appliance Recycling/Tire Recycling events** –
 - **Recap/Review of April 5 & 6 Clean Sweep Event** – Buchholz distributed a summary of the surveys collected for the event. 145 participants on Friday and 100 participants on Saturday. Callan thought Saturday went smoother than Friday, although she did not hear complaints. Preuss stated there were comments and grumbling while people were in line (i.e., I had this time, and it will be an hour before I get through the line) and they did a lot of explaining and apologizing in the line of cars. Buchholz shared several changes discussed within the office are having 2 lines; 1 for general household and 2nd one for large truck/trailers; have businesses come at 2:30 p.m. and make sure Veolia is aware of their start time; event must start on time; schedule less people per time slot (we currently are doing 5 people every 5 minutes). Buchholz recommends dropping that to 3 people every 5 minutes, especially on Friday. Discussion occurred. Preuss said that we need to make sure Veolia has the people to staff two lines; otherwise, two lines will not help. He also would like to further discuss increasing charges for large trailers. Buchholz added that Friday seems to be the preferred day. If that trend continues, the committee may need to adjust hours to accommodate.
 - **Recap/Review of April 20 Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event** – Summary of surveys collected for event was distributed. Buchholz felt the event went well. There was traffic the whole time. Wait times seemed to be between 15 to 25 minutes when the line got backed up.
 - **Discuss Logistics for June 8 Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event (Lake Mills)** – Buchholz reminded the committee of the event this Saturday. Preuss can be there. The event has been advertised in the local papers, social media, yard signs and Facebook advertising. Buchholz has some additional yard signs if any committee members would like to post some.
 - **Future Event Dates: August 17 (Electronic/Appliance Recycling); September 13-14 (Clean Sweep)** – Callan can work at the August 17 event but not in September. Preuss can work both events.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on future Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items** – Discussion on Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee; Deer Track Park Landfill Annual Report.
16. **Next Solid Waste Committee Meetings** – Tuesday, August 6; October 1 and December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
17. **Adjourn** – Motion by Preuss, seconded by Herbst to adjourn meeting at 9:11 a.m.