

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members T. Daviau, M. Roberts, and E. Shwartz, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Public Information Officer S. Field, County Vice Chairman P. Walrod, Lenox Supervisor J. Pinard, Oneida Supervisor M. Cavanagh, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator K. Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board J. Keville and Treasurer C. Edick.

Approval of Minutes

1. June 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz, the motion was made to approve the 6.25.24 meeting minutes. The motion was Passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. LFG Dewatering Project Update

The County sent out a request for bids for the Landfill Gas Dewatering Project and the quotes came in over the projected budget. G. Gelewski recommended holding off on awarding the bid and instead look at doing certain aspects of the project in-house to avoid spending money out of the limited reserves. The project would be beneficial but can be phased in on a longer timeline. The committee provided support for doing part of the work in-house as needed and then contracting out the rest.

2. Recycling Facility Tonnage and Project Update

G. Gelewski provided a project update on the Recycling Facility operated by The ARC Madison Cortland. They are currently looking at a concrete floor repair project to ensure operations and will be moving forward with the lowest quote.

Due to recent hauler changes, the Recycling Facility is currently operating with less tonnage than previous years. However, higher market values have brought in similar revenues on less tonnage but still operating at a deficit. The partnership with ARC has provided great quality of the County's materials and strong broker partnerships have moved the material.

The County recently implemented a fee for recyclables, as outlined in the 2023 Cornerstone report and will be reviewing the 2025 budget soon.

3. Transfer Station Analysis and Efficiencies Update

G. Gelewski provided an overview of the 2023 Transfer Station financials, which continue to show an operating loss.

4. Solid Waste and Recycling Technical Review Committee Update

The Technical Review Committee is made up of four members from the public along with the Director of Solid Waste and Board Members. They had their first meeting to discuss goals and timeframe and will be spending the next few months looking at the big picture. The next meeting will be a tour of the Department's facilities in August.

5. Solid Waste Project Updates

G. Gelewski reported on the fill progress of the newly constructed cell 10, where the first 1,000 tons of material have been placed since the end of June. The Department is also working on a leachate line cleaning project to clean over 4 miles of piping, a lagoon cleaning project to clean the solids and sediment from the leachate pond and continues to run their soil/clay borrow and restoration project. The Department continues to operate amid power outages and will be renewing the staff's annual Confined Space Rescue Training.

6. Preliminary Budget Discussion with Capital Asset Replacement Plan

This topic was tabled for a later time.

7. Executive Session

Motion by Supervisor Schwartz to enter into Executive Session at 9:48 AM to discuss the credit, financial or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Seconded by Supervisor Daviau. The motion was Passed.

Motion by Supervisor Roberts to exit Executive Session at 10:16 AM. Seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

Resolutions

Other Committee Business

The Department is currently in the interview process to fill the Deputy Director position.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting August 27, 2024 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

On motion of Supervisor Schwartz, seconded by Supervisor Roberts, the motion was made to adjourn at 10:17 AM. The motion was Passed.