

MINUTES
TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE JOINT POWER
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 – Nicollet County Courthouse
Commissioners Board Room
501 South Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Board Members Present: Commissioners – Marie Dranttel, Bobbie Harder, Terry Morrow, Peter Koch, Steve Rohlffing,

Staff Present: Amy Beatty – Le Sueur County, Geoff Beranek – Sibley County, Ben Rosburg – Nicollet County, Al Christensen – Tri County Solid Waste

Others Present None

Absent: Commissioner Dr. King – Le Sueur County

1. Call to Order: Chair Rohlffing called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.
2. Approval of the Agenda and meeting minutes – Chair Rohlffing called for approval of the meeting minutes from August 17th, 2022 and the agenda. Al requested the Board add item 11b. – 2023 draft budget to the agenda. Commissioner Harder motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11b, Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. Chair Rohlffing then called for approval of the past meeting minutes, Commissioner Harder motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Morrow seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Current Budget update – Al presented the current budget as of November 30th, 2022. After the Board reviewed the account activity, revenues, and expenses, Commissioner Harder motioned to be in receipt of the current budget, Commissioner Koch seconded that motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. There were no further questions.
4. Fall St. Peter collection update - Al discussed the fall collection in St. Peter as being very large and comparing it to the large collection of two years ago. We had very long lines with residents having large loads of materials. Al was happy to report we had great staff and workers and had a safe and successful collection. There were no further questions.
5. Tri County / Nicollet County Agreement – Al presented an up to date agreement that has been worked on. After further discussion from the Board members, it was decided to go with a straight-capped salary / expense limit of \$3,527.00 of staff time from the Property Services staff. It was also agreed to have this agreement for one year and then assess the situation at the end of 2023. Commissioner Morrow motioned to approve this agreement with the salary cap and term, Commissioner Harder seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. There were no further questions.

6. Tri County / Waste Management rural recycling agreement – Al presented a new rural recycling agreement with Waste Management to the Board. The new agreement proposes to eliminate the RMO, eliminate the Saturday hours of the Waste Management Transfer station and implement a newly adjusted Fuel Surcharge table. After further discussion, the Board agreed to these changes in a new three (3) year term agreement. Commissioner Dranttel motioned to approve the new agreement, Commissioner Harder seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. There were no further questions.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Ag Bag update – Al gave a brief summary of the current ag bag collection program. Currently there has been no complaints from the farmers or from Revolution Plastics. Collections or pick up routes occur on a quarterly basis in all three Counties. Al commented that Revolution Plastics agreed to continue this service to our area with the same pricing. There were no further questions or comments.
8. Business HHW update – Al informed the Board that our Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) program is alive and well and that he had many small businesses needing this HHW disposal service for their chemical materials this fall. The list included a number of our schools and businesses. There were no further questions or comments.
9. Plastic recycling report – Al provided an update on the plastics report that less than ten (10) percent of plastic gets recycled. Al provided a summary of the full report released by Greenpeace. He also discussed the Tri County plastic recycling rate as being higher in our three Counties. There were no further comments.
10. Audit / Auditor estimates – Al provided two estimates and information from Eide Bailly and Clifton Larson Allen for audit services. After further Board discussion, it was determined that Tri County is currently in sound financial standing and that the Nicollet County finance department provides very good care of Tri County finances and is not required to have an audit so the Board decided to hold off on an audit at this time. There were no further questions.
11. 2023 Collections & Coupon discussion – Al indicated that he has asked our three Counties to provide possible collection dates for 2023. Al indicated that the Tri County collection schedule is almost set and that he is waiting to hear back from our vendors to agree on proposed dates. Al also requested and recommended to the Board to continue our \$5 coupon special for our residents to dispose of appliance and electronics. The Board thought this was a good idea. Commissioner Morrow motioned to approve a 2023 - \$5 coupon special, Commissioner Harder seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- 11b. 2023 Draft Budget – Al provided a proposed draft budget to the Board. Commissioner Morrow asked Al to write down new 2023 proposed account line item amounts and present it back to the Board at the next meeting. There were no further comments.
12. Miscellaneous items – Directors review after meeting – Al presented follow up information to Commissioner Koch battery and solar panel report request. Al also gave a brief update on the Holiday light collection program.

Al provided to the Board, a Directors evaluation review forms and the new position review report along with the position salary range from the Gallagher consultant. Kristine Larson, Nicollet County HR Director was requested to participate in the discussion and explain the comp study process and she also provide a newly updated review form the Board can use. After Board discussion, Commissioner Morrow proposed and motioned to approve the salary recommendation by Gallagher of \$85,434, Commissioner Harder seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. It was also proposed that the Board would hold a zoom meeting to discuss a further increase as recommended and discuss an evaluation of the Directors performance. There were no further comments.

Other Business: Next Full Board meeting date is set for Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 to be held in Nicollet County at 8:30 am.

Adjournment

Chairman Rohlfsing asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Morrow motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Harder seconded that motion, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn at 10:34 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Al Christensen,
Secretary to the Board

