

**MINUTES
TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE JOINT POWER
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 – Nicollet County Courthouse
Commissioners Board Room
501 South Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Board Members Present: Commissioners – Marie Dranttel, Steve Rohlffing, Terry Morrow, Peter Koch, Joe Kreger

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: Dr. John King – Le Sueur County Commissioner

1. Call to Order: Chair Dranttel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
2. Chair Dranttel called for a closed meeting as per MN Statutes Chapter 13D.05 to discuss Directors performance review, Commissioner Rohlffing motioned to close the meeting, Commissioner Koch seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting closed at 8:31 am. The following Commissioners were present in the closed meeting – Dranttel, Rohlffing, Morrow, Koch and Kreger. The meeting re-opened at 8:45 am. The Chairman and Tri County Board reached a positive Directors review and agreed to go with the recommendations from Gallagher Benefits Services – with a new annual pay rate to \$85,434 and an additional 3.5% performance increase. There were no further comments.
3. Approval of the Agenda - Chair Dranttel then called for approval of the meeting agenda, Commissioner Kreger motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Morrow seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.
4. Approval of the Full Board meeting minutes – April 26th, 2023 – Chair Dranttel called for approval of the meeting minutes from April 26th, 2023. Commissioner Rohlffing motioned to approve the past minutes, Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business

5. Budget update – as of 06/30/23 - Al presented the current budget as of June 30th, 2023. The account line items, expenses and revenues appeared to be in order. There were no further questions.

New Business

6. HHW Mobile collections update – Al presented collection participation graphs of our collections in Le Sueur and Winthrop. Both collection were safe & successful. The weather was good which always helps with safety. Other staff shared their comments as

well. There were no other comments.

7. Tire, appliance, e-waste & mattress collections update & invoices – Al reported that our spring collections went well. We had good turnouts at all events. Al was thankful to LE Sueur County for having their full Environmental staff available to help for the day. Al was thankful to Sibley County for gearing up and providing credit card services for the collection – which is a new evolution of our program and we hope to provide that opportunity at all our collections in the future. Al was also grateful to Ben, as he had to sign residents in solo as we had a staffing shortage of help for the day in Nicollet so Al was working on the tire pile and appliance truck. Al also provide invoices from our vendors so our Commissioners can see them directly how materials are billed to us. Al reported that our new mattress collection process went well and all mattresses & box springs were recycled at Second Chance recycling. Lastly, Al provided some color photos of our collections. There were no further comments.
8. Ag Bag update – clean outs – Al reported that a few (3) of our dairy farmers went out of business or did not have the materials that were acceptable (round bale stretch wrap) for Revolution Plastics to recycle. We worked with those farms to do a one-time clean out to dispose of the materials and that they will no longer participate in our Ag bag recycling program. There were no further comments.
9. Rural recycling updates – Al gave brief overview of our rural recycling sites. Over all the 80 /20 rule still applies, where 80 percent of the material is good and 20 percent is not good or illegal dumping. Al also addressed a need for some type of catch fence for debris at the Nicollet recycling location. He is discussing the situation with the County Administrator and County Engineer. Al also discuss adding a container to the Cleveland location and changing the type of container. There were no further questions.
10. Annual MPCA electronic waste reporting update – Al gave the Board an overview of the e-waste reporting requirements from the MPCA. This is an annual event much like the annual SCORE report using the same reporting software provided by the State. There were no further e questions.
11. VSQG / Small Business HHW update – Mercury update – Al informed the Board that there has been a large increase with our small businesses needing to get rid of materials from their operations. Al provided a list of some of these businesses. Al described the process how Tri County does this on a case by case basis and the materials get properly disposed of at one of our regional hazardous waste centers. Al also provided a photo of a mercury container from a North Mankato residence and the success story behind that to avoid contamination of that property. There were no further questions.
12. Fall collections update – Klossner – HHW & St. Peter – TEAM - Al discussed our upcoming collections and how we were going to work with some of our small businesses to dispose of materials at the hazardous waste collection. Al reported that we should have enough staff for the St. Peter collection as well. There were no further comments.
13. Misc. items – recycling tour, elderly assistance, staff comments – Al asked about having the recycling tour this fall. The Board like that idea and asked to avoid the Regional District meeting held on September 22nd. Al also informed the Board that he is getting an increase of calls for elderly assistance to help remove large appliances and items out of their house. Al reported that he gives them some options albeit limited. There were

no further comments.

Other Business: Next Full Board meeting date(s) were set for November 15th, 2023 to be held in Nicollet County at 8:30 am.

Adjournment

Chairman Dranttel asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Rohlfing motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Koch seconded that motion, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn at 10:24 am

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Al Christensen,
Secretary to the Board

