

MINUTES
TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE JOINT POWER
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 – Nicollet County Courthouse
Commissioners Board Room
501 South Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Board Members Present: Commissioners – Marie Dranttel, Steve Rohlfsing, Peter Koch, Joe Kreger

Staff Present: Amy Beatty – Le Sueur County, Geoff Beranek – Sibley County, Kenny Famakinwa – Nicollet County, Al Christensen - Tri- County Solid Waste

Others Present None

Absent: Dr. John King, Terry Morrow

1. Call to Order: Chair Dranttel called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.
2. Approval of the Agenda - Chair Dranttel then called for approval of the meeting agenda, Commissioner Kreger motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Rohlfsing seconded that motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.
3. Approval of the Full Board meeting minutes – July 26th, 2023 – Chair Dranttel called for approval of the meeting minutes from July 26th, 2023. Commissioner Koch motioned to approve the past minutes, Commissioner Rohlfsing seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business

4. Current Budget update – as of 09/30/23 - 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. Commissioner Kreger motioned to acknowledge receiving the budget update, Commissioner Koch seconded that motion

New Business

5. HHW Klossner collection update – Al presented to the Board the collection participation and reported that it was a great collection with the weather being good and that we processed business waste from the North Mankato Fire Department and some Farmer waste. The collection was safe & successful. There were no other comments.
6. Tire, appliance, e-waste & mattress – fall collection update – Al reported that the collection in St. Peter went very good with good participation and good weather. We also had enough staff to help. Al reported that the mattresses were down but the couches were up. The tire pile also seemed to be larger than last year. Al reported that our new mattress collection process seem to go well with all parties and that we hope to continue getting them recycled at Second Chance recycling. There were no further comments.

7. Ag Bag update – 2024 - Al reported to the Board that Revolution Plastics has decided to leave our agreement price the same as 2023 which is \$24,000 for the year for collections in all three Counties. This was great news, as most of our vendors have had to raise prices due to fuel & labor costs. There were no further comments.
8. HHW Regional contracts (Blue Earth & McLeod) – 2024 Al reported to the Board that both Counties are behind in producing a regional contract agreement to Tri County. They also mentioned that they hope to write up a new agreement sometime in 2024. There were no further questions.
9. VSQG / Small Business HHW update – Al informed the Board of a number of small businesses have needed a lot of time on site with paper work & proper packaging & handling. Some businesses needed more time & care due to their staff turnover. There were no further questions.
10. Solid Waste Plan discussion – due 2025 – Al provide to the Board an approximate timeline of stages of preparing the solid waste plan. Al also mentioned that each of the Solid Waste Officers would need to update the basic County information and new census date from 2020. Al also asked the Board for their support in working with Region 9 again to help write the plan. Estimated costs could be between \$5,000 to \$15,000. Commissioner Rohlfsing mentioned that each County would need to budget accordingly. Commissioner Dranttel mentioned that we might need to reach out to other consultants to get more costs estimates. There were no further questions.
11. 2024 Budgets – Al provided a proposed budget to the Board for their review. The Board reviewed and commented that the proposed budget may be too optimistic and asked Al to provide a more realistic budget at the next meeting. There were no further comments.
12. 2024 Collections – shredding events – Al asked the Board to consider the thought of having one or two shredding events. Board members asked about the costs and Al thought it would be about \$500 per event. It was determined that shredding events can be discussed more in 2024. There were no further comments.
13. Recycling tour discussion – future tours interest – Board members thought the tours were very educational and a great idea to see how recycling and processing organics work in person / on site. Board members also thought it would be a great idea to have more tours in the future. There were no further questions.
14. Miscellaneous discussion - There were no items brought up or discussed.

Other Business: 2024 Full Board meeting date(s) were set for February 21st, May 15th, August 21st, and November 20th to be held in Nicollet County at 8:30 am.

Adjournment - Chairman Dranttel adjourned the meeting 10:39 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Al Christensen,
Secretary to the Board