

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Carlton County Courthouse

Members Present

Voting Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Ezell	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Crestik	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Proulx
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elaine Lindell	<input type="checkbox"/> Megan Hebert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Schulstrom
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Del Prevost	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Salmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Merrill Loy
Non-Voting Members	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen

Guests: George Knutson

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. Review and approve January 24, 2017 meeting minutes

January 24, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. Ezell moved to approve the minutes. Merrill Loy seconded and supported by all yea votes.

2. MN GreenCorp Application

Knutson shared information on the possibility of Carlton County receiving another MN GreenCorps member for next year. A third year application was accepted and the phone interview went well. We will hear the result by the end of the month. Another year of MN GreenCorps member work would be appreciated to maintain the momentum started by Kolodge and Knutson.

3. Green Schools Project Update

Knutson presented information about how this work is progressing. The food weigh-in in late February went well and was a good experience. Some Cloquet schools are considering starting organics collection, which could work nicely. Queen of Peace has started organics collections and will use this year's grant money to install some hand dryers. Cloquet High School applied for a grant and will be allocated the last \$2,000 until January 2018.

4. Summer Tour

Ezell confirmed that the tour of WLSSD is set for July 25th, 2017. The committee will tour WLSSD – organics, HHW, compost, etc. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m., with members meeting at the Courthouse at 9:30 a.m. to carpool.

5. Social Media Update

Knutson shared that Carlton County Zoning is on Facebook, also Twitter and Pinterest. Committee members are encouraged to visit and share these pages.

6. Household Hazardous Waste Opening

Knutson announced that the HHW facility at the Transfer Station will be opening for the season on May 9th. The hours are 8:30-3 Tuesdays and Saturdays.

9. Sharing Time, Tips for Reuse/Recycling

The committee discussed the new bins at Super One in Cloquet now has for recycling grocery bags. They are located in the store now instead of outside near the exit. Walmart has a bin as well. Dalen reminded the committee that packaging for online orders can be excessive, and sometimes Amazon will send individual boxes for each item. The Transfer Station takes newspaper and office paper together so there's no need to sort them out. Lindell shared that she recycled the dirt from the Easter lilies at her church, and that the pots are often still good for reuse.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by,
Karola Dalen, Resource and Recycling Coordinator