

**Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Carlton County Boardroom**

**Members Present**

Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Ezell	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Crestik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Proulx
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elaine Lindell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Hagen	<input type="checkbox"/> student
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Del Prevost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Salmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Micke

Non-Voting Members

<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen
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Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

*1. Herb Johnson*

A letter received from the family of Herb Johnson was shared.

*2. Review and approve 10-23-12 Meeting Minutes*

October 23, 2013 meeting minutes approved with an amendment by Dalen. Salmon moved to approve the minutes as amended. Provost seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

*3. New Committee member and Re-appointments*

Proulx introduced Josh Hagen as a new committee member. Hagen was born and raised in Cloquet area. He is a truancy officer in the county and his required to visit all county school districts at least once per week. Hagen's knowledge of the schools should prove helpful in the committee's continued effort to improve recycling programs in schools. The current members introduced themselves. Motion by Ezell to approve Hagen's appointment to the vacant District 3 position with term ending 12/31/15. Provost seconded and supported by all yeas votes. Motion by Proulx to approve re-appointments for Salmon and Lindell. Micke seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

*4. Appliance Coupon*

Dalen explained that the reimbursement from WLSSD which covered the majority of the approximately \$4000 annual cost of printing and mailing the appliance coupon is no longer available. Discussion concluded that, if the direct mailing is cancelled, people love coupons and they should still be made available at the Zoning office for residents. It was agreed there is still a misconception by the public that appliance and electronic disposal is \$20 or more. More advertising to the general public of the low rates at the transfer station is needed. Suggestions included newspaper and radio advertisements. Proulx recommended contacting haulers to see if the coupon could be mailed with their bills. Discussed a one day discounted or free collection at the transfer station or other location. Motion by Provost to recommend to the Carlton County board to discontinue the direct mailing of the annual appliance coupon because the cost without the reimbursement from WLSSD would be poor stewardship; continue to make the appliance coupon available to county residents at the Zoning office; and use county funds previously allocated for the coupon for advertising the low rates of appliance and electronic disposal at the transfer station.

*5. Touring Hartel's Sorting Facility*

Dalen will contact Hartel's to tour their sorting operation of single stream recycling for the April 23 meeting. Ezell commented that no camera's are allowed due to proprietary protection. Provost suggested meeting at the courthouse to carpool.

*3. Recycling in County Schools*

Dalen has reviewed past meeting minutes and Heather's work in schools. To summarize, Esko, Cloquet Middle, Cloquet Elementary and Queen of Peace have functioning recycling programs. Fond du Lac also has a functioning program. Wrenshall, Carlton, and Cromwell schools have not responded to any outreach in the past. Salmon spoke with the superintendent of Moose Lake. He noted there is room for improvement and seems open to assistance. Their program is run by the Developmentally & Cognitively Delayed (DCD) group. Salmon will arrange a meeting to find out more information on their program to see how we can best assist them in improving their program. Hagen noted there are new superintendents for Wrenshall and Cromwell school districts. Proulx suggested accessing school boards. The committee recommended Dalen, as the Resource & Recycling coordinator; offer a presentation to the school board on successful school recycling programs. Then request the school board to provide a contact for a responsible party, from the school, to work with to implement or improve the school's recycling program. Lindell suggested outreach to boy scout and girl scout troupes to instigate school recycling programs. Dalen asked if a Green Corps assistant was still available. Ezell advised Dalen to contact AJ Axtell for more information on Green Corps.

*7. Brainstorming session on future education and outreach opportunities...future action items*

Discussion completed during Recycling in County Schools discussion. Agenda item skipped.

*Other Business*

Motion by Provost to elect Salmon as new Chair. Seconded by Ezell. Motion by Lindell to elect Provost as new co-Chair. Seconded by Ezell. Motion by Proulx to accept Micke's resignation from the committee. Seconded by Salmon. The At-Large positions vacated by Micke is open. Dalen requested the committee search for recruits and inform her of any interested parties.

8. *Sharing time*

Salmon showed off her thrift store flannel. Salmon has also repurposed her Red Cross buckets from the flood as waste baskets in her home. Dalen stated old chopsticks can be used as mud removing tools for boot treads.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The committee set the date for the next meet, April 23. Time and place TBA.

Submitted by,  
Karola Dalen  
Resource and Recycling Coordinator