

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
April 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Carlton County Boardroom

Members Present

Voting Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Ezell	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen

Guests: Tom Willette and Gary Dahl of DAV

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Review and approve 1-22-13 Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2013 meeting minutes approved. Proulx moved to approve the minutes. Crestik seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

2. Textile Discussion

The committee reviewed a memo from Heather Cunningham, Zoning Administrator, describing the amended requests for proposals for textile recycling at the Carlton County recycling sheds. The history of the textile recycling at the county sheds was discussed. USAgain currently had the contract to have their collection bins at the county sheds. In the past year, DAV has expressed interest in having their bins at the county sheds. Tom Willette and Gary Dahl of DAV addressed the committee and described their textile collection company and the services they provide to veterans of Carlton County. All staff of DAV are volunteers. DAV will be submitting a proposal. All three textile collection companies servicing Carlton County were invited to present at the meeting.

3. Open At-Large Committee Seat

Dalen reminded the committee of the open At-Large position. There are no current nominations from the committee. Dalen will advertise the open seat via the resource & recycling newsletter email list.

4. Appliance/Electronic Advertising Update

Dalen described the advertising and outreach campaign for the low rates on electronic and appliance disposal at the Carlton County transfer station. \$1600 is budgeted for advertising and outreach. The first round of newspaper ads has been published. Two more rounds will be done before the end of the year. There is a possibility of utilizing some radio advertising. The committee recommends Dalen prints posters for local posting, and provide copies to the committee. The funds had been used for the appliance coupon in past years. The committee discussed requesting haulers to insert information on disposal rates with their bills. Crestik thought most haulers would be reluctant to do so.

5. Set Tour of Hartel's Sorting Facility

Dalen will schedule a tour for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23. This is the date of the next SWARA meeting. The county has a van available for carpooling.

6. School Recycling

Dalen toured Cloquet Middle School's student-run recycling program. It was very beneficial to learn about the challenges and the successes of their program. Dalen would like to tour other well run programs such as Esko and Fond du Lac. This information will be helpful when assisting other schools with their recycling programs. Salmon and Dalen will be contacting Moose Lake regarding their recycling program.

8. Sharing time

Salmon educated the committee regarding green weddings and thrift shopping on-line. Dalen shared that empty tissue boxes make great storage and dispensers for plastic grocery bags. Judd shared how seedlings can be started in broken eggshells in the carton. Crestik informed the committee that Riverside Recycling will take plastic garden pots for recycling, preferably clean.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The committee set the date for the next meet, July 23, at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the tour at Hartel's.

Submitted by,
Karola Dalen
Resource and Recycling Coordinator