

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
January 21, 2014 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Schulstrom
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Del Prevost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Salmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Merrill Loy
Non-Voting Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Review and approve 4-23-13 meeting minutes

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

2. County Shed Grants

Dalen informed the committee of the annual funding source from SCORE which is allocated for providing operational grants to the staffed recycling sheds in the county. In the past the \$15,000 has been split evenly between the 5 staffed sheds at \$3,000 each. Ezell moved to recommend to the Carlton County Board of Commissioners to approve \$3,000 for each staffed shed. Salmon seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

3. Transfer Station Survey Results

A total of 385 surveys were collected, of which approximately 235 were collected at the Transfer Station and 150 on-line via Survey Monkey. Dalen shared the results by reviewing the power point presentation Heather Cunningham presented to the Board of Commissioner at the December 11, 2013 county board meeting. Cash will not be eliminated as a payment method. Food waste collection will be explored as a possible new service. The rate schedule for solid waste has been revised and an electronic display will be installed for better transparency. SWARA committee members shared comments on how beneficial the survey was for gathering information but for also allowing customers to have their say on the challenges at the transfer station in 2013.

4. Food waste collection at the transfer station

A meeting with WLSSD will be convened in March 2014 to discuss the logistics of collecting food waste at the transfer station. If the program begins we could advertise to event holders to collect their food waste along with their recyclables.

5. Event recycling

Dalen is currently working on updating the local events list for outreach purposes. Dalen informed the committee of the recycle bins available for events to borrow for free. Dalen reviewed the existing list of local events and asked if they are still occurring. SWARA members should inform Dalen of any events in their community that should be added to the event list.

6. New Brochures

Dalen passed around the updated Solid Waste & Recycling Services brochure. The brochure contains information on the transfer station, household hazardous waste facility, and the recycling sheds. Loy suggested the county's website be added. The committee discussed medical sharps disposal. Bringing sharps to the transfer station is not convenient for the elderly. The committee asked Dalen to find out why hospitals no longer take medical sharps, what are the restrictions by MN DOT for private haulers to pick up sharps, and then check to see if any other locations can host drop off sites.

7. July meeting tour destination

Since the Hartel tour was so educational, the committee discussed other possible tours. Suggestions include Shamrock Landfill and WLSSD's compost yard and HHW facility. Dalen will check into the feasibility of the tours.

8. HHW Technician

Dalen informed the committee of the HHW Technician job opening. The position has high turnover due to limited hours and seasonality of the job. Back-up transfer station cashier duties has been added to the HHW Technician job description.

9. Sharing time

Ezell shared that a cool whip container can be reused as an effective chicken water bowl for wintertime. When the water freezes you can pop it out and refill with water. No electricity needed. Loy informed the committee of the drop box for magazines behind the VFW. It is a fundraiser for the boy scouts. Dalen will share the list of organizations collecting paper as a fundraiser in Carlton County at the next SWARA meeting. Dalen shared iFixit.com, a website with repair manuals for smart phones, tablets, and other electronics.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carlton County Courthouse, County Board Room – 1st Floor.

Submitted by,
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