

**DRAFT**  
**Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**April 15, 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 type="checkbox"/> Del Prevost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Salmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Merrill Loy
Non-Voting Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

*1. Review and approve January 21, 2014 meeting minutes*

January 21, 2014 meeting minutes approved. Ezell moved to approve the minutes. Loy seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

*2. Paper Fundraising Organizations*

Dalen handed out a list of organizations with paper fundraising programs through New Page. The list was provided by New Page for the SCORE report for tons of paper recycled. Some members of the committee commented that some organizations participating seem to be missing from the list like the Boy Scout troop with the bin at the Carlton VFW.

*3. July Meeting Tour Destination*

The committee discussed touring Shamrock Landfill on the afternoon of the next meeting date of Tuesday, July 22. Dalen will organize it. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Transfer Station will be open that day. Dalen suggests that those who are up for it may follow the Shamrock tour with a tour of the Transfer Station. Many changes and improvements have been made in the last year at the Transfer Station.

*4. Medical Sharps*

The committee discussed disposal of medical sharps continued from last meeting. Dalen noted that MN DOT and the MPCA do not have any specific rules against private haulers picking up and transporting medical sharps from residents. Heather Cunningham and Dalen are working to gather information on how to make medical sharps disposal more convenient for seniors and people with limited mobility. Examples include having sharp disposal containers available in county public bathrooms and sharps containers at the pharmaceutical drop boxes at the police stations.

*5. Paint Care*

Dalen provided the committee with Paint Care factsheets and explained how the program will most likely relieve the county of disposal fees for oil and latex paint, an average of \$5,000 per year. The Transfer Station may be able to accept paint year round by storing paint in the heated garage.

*6. Food Waste Collection at the Transfer Station*

The committee reviewed the draft county board agenda item "Food Waste Collection Program". A motion by Schulstrom to support the item, seconded by Lindell and supported by all yeas votes. The new program is proposed to be budget neutral by using the money saved from paint disposal to cover the food waste collection program expenses.

*7. Transfer Station Price Guide*

Dalen handed out the new Transfer Station Price Guide brochure and noted the brochure reflects the new pricing format the committee reviewed at the October meeting.

*8. Cloquet Home Show*

Dalen shared her experience with the committee. At least 60 quality one-on-one contacts were made. Approximately 90 transfer station price guides were given out. The event seems like it is worth the time for outreach and education. Proulx suggested having a drawing for a compost bin. Dalen shared her concerns that it would not get used by the winner and turn to waste. Proulx suggested that it could be an introduction to food composting by someone who never thought of the concept before.

*9. Social Marketing*

Judd shared information on her experience working with a consultant to conduct “Community Based Social Marketing” research. The study is being done at Fond du Lac Community College to try and identify barriers to student recycling. Judd noted that the most difficult concept for her is selecting just one population (the students) and one facility (the college) instead of analyzing the whole campus, students, and staff. One interesting result on a similar study was labelling a garbage can as “landfill”. The label change was effective in increasing the rate of recycling.

10. *HHW update*

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the transfer station opens for the season Tuesday, May 6. Hours of the facility are 8:30 to 3, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Last day is Saturday, October 11. Kathy Mills has been hired as the new HHW Technician. Dalen told the committee to look for two ads in the Pine Journal’s Earth Day flyer. One ad is for HHW opening and the other is for appliance and electronic disposal.

11. *Sharing Time*

Crestik and Salmon both shared information on the new ReStore in Superior, WI, which sells home repair and remodeling supplies. The operation is very nice. Loy explained how you can cut the bottom off a plastic one-gallon milk jug and use it as a mini-greenhouse for garden plants in the early spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 22, 2014 with a tentative plan of touring Shamrock Landfill.

Submitted by,  
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