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Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Services Building

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
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Guests:

Pat Oman (City of Moose Lake and Barnum City Council)	Lora Ames (Perch Lake Twp.)	Tracy Hartung, (City of Carlton)
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Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Introductions

Cunningham described the purpose and background of the SWARA committee. Then the group held introductions.

2. Review and approve April 15, 2014 meeting minutes

April 15, 2014 meeting minutes approved. Ezell moved to approve the minutes. Lindell seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

3. Overview of the July 22, 2014 Shamrock Landfill Tour.

The committee agreed the tour was interesting and educational. Dalen handed out hard copies of the Fall 2014 Resource & Recycling Newsletter which contains an article describing the tour. The committee has decided to participate in an annual tour for the July quarterly meeting for education purposes.

3. Discussion: Staffed Recycling Sheds

Dalen gave an overview of the purpose of the discussion. The county received an increase in SCORE funds and would like to pass some funds to the 5 staffed recycling sheds in the county. The county will continue to strive for an increased recycling rate, therefore representatives from the staffed recycling sheds have been invited to this meeting for a discussion on how to accomplish this. Cunningham gave an overview of SCORE funds. Counties receive a percentage of the solid waste tax for waste reduction and recycling purposes. Counties have not received an increase in this funding in approximately 15 years, therefore the staffed recycling sheds have not seen an increase from the annual county grant available to them. The increase in SCORE funds does come with expectations of better recycling rates, therefore the county expects some cooperation from the staffed recycling sheds. Dalen stated that the staffed sheds, based on a survey in April 2014, noted expanded hours may increase recycling rates. Dalen and Cunningham suggested all staffed recycling sheds have consistent hours. This would be easier for the county to educate the community on when, where, and how to recycle. After a lengthy discussion, the representatives from the staffed recycling sheds agreed to have the SWARA committee draft a proposal for consistent hours which they could submit to their city or township supervisors for approval. Cooperative outreach and education efforts were discussed. City of Carlton and Moose Lake may be able to post recycling information on their water bill postcards. Open house events at the staffed sheds were suggested. Some suggested that having single sort (unseparated) recycling at the staffed sheds would increase use of the staffed recycling sheds. Cunningham will gather information from the contractor whom collects the recyclables from the county recycling sheds to see if this is a practical possibility. During the discussion, an information packet was reviewed which contained reports on the annual county shed grant, staffed recycling shed operations, 2013 recycling rates for MN counties, Carlton County historical recycling rates, staffed recycling shed graphs, and an example of the most recent recycle shed newspaper ad.

Crestik suggested better enforcement of private haulers in the county to improve recycling rates. Ezell described WLSSD's procedures for enforcement of collected recyclables from private haulers. Cunningham agreed this may improve recycling rates, but there are many challenges for the county to implement it.

Staffed shed representatives and committee members agree concerns of confidentiality prohibits people from recycling paper. A permanent shredding service or annual shredding event may increase paper recycling in the county.

Judd shared information on the recently completed Community Based Social Marketing study of students at Fond du Lac college. The purpose of the study was to see what factors the school could implement to improve recycling. One interesting fact is that more recyclables were collected when the containers were attractive.

Dalen and Cunningham described the school recycling grant program to be developed. The program would have to be implemented mostly by the schools due to limited county staff time available. Crestik encouraged schools to work with their haulers when they begin to make these changes as they can assist with the effort.

11. Sharing Time

Due to the length of the meeting, sharing time was skipped.

Proulx moved to adjourned at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Schulstrom and supported by all yeas votes. The next meeting date is Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m., 2014 at the Carlton County Courthouse.

Submitted by,
Karola Dalen
Resource and Recycling Coordinator