

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Carlton County Courthouse

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Schulstrom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Del Prevost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> H. Merrill Loy

Non-Voting Members

<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen
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Guests:

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Review and approve October 21, 2015 meeting minutes

October 21, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Salmon moved to approve the minutes. Lindell seconded and supported by all yea votes.

2. Staffed Recycling Sheds

Dalen updated the committee on the status of the staffed recycling shed managers accepting the proposal for changing hours of operations to the proposed county wide schedule of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 2 PM to 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM. Four of the five sheds have passed resolutions. We have not heard from Thomson Township yet. The proposal response was requested by February 28, so there is still time. The annual recycling shed grant applications are also due on February 28.

Discussion was held on how to best advertise the change in hours to be effective April 1, 2015. The committee agreed handouts should be given to shed visitors 3 weeks prior to April 1. Dalen will work on handouts and ordering magnets. Paid advertisements will go into the Pine Journal, Smart Shopper, Star Gazette, and the Evergreen. A press release with a recycling related photo with be put together and submitted to the papers and posted on the county website and facebook page. The press release will also be sent to the Resource & Recycling Newsletter list. Schulstrom suggested posting flyers at local businesses and facilities. The committee recommended Dalen contact Moose Lake and City of Carlton to have them add an announcement to their water bills. Dalen will organize advertising of new hours but the recycling shed management is responsible for replacing their signage.

3. School Recycling Grant

Dalen is working on a draft school recycling and waste reduction grant program. \$10,000 has been allocated for the program with each school facility eligible for up to \$2,000. The program includes accepting a recycling policy, establishing a "green committee" to keep the policy implemented, and an annual recycling curriculum activity where the children take home a "recycling assessment" and report back to class. The committee discussed how important it is to educate youth as they bring the information home with them. The program will also include a grant contract with the county. Dalen is retrofitting the application and program materials from St. Louis County's program. Dalen would like to convene a meeting with Shannon Judd of Fond du Lac, AJ Axtell of WLSSD, and Allison Sawyer of St. Louis County to aid in review and input of the program. These representatives have also been involved in applying and receiving a Green Corps, grant-funded staff person to help with school recycling. Carlton County Zoning & Environmental Services anticipates applying for a Green Corps person in March 2015 to help improve the new school grant program. The program needs to be effective and self-sustaining. Hagen suggested getting on the agenda of the monthly superintendents meetings. They are a competitive group so the grant program should be well received. There are 7 school districts in the county, 13 public school facilities and one private school (Queen of Peace).

4. Sharing Time

Lindell is saving plastic cornstarch containers from the recycling. The containers are gold and blue which are the school colors for Esko. The containers will be used for school projects. Dalen reminded the committee that the stores which take plastic grocery bags for recycling will also except other types of plastic film as long as it is clean, clear, and you can stretch with your thumb. Items such as newspaper sleeves, toilet paper wrapping, and air pocket packaging can go with the bags. Dalen also informed the committee that the DAV donation boxes do except textiles that are ripped or stained as long as they are clean. The textiles will be recycled if not sold at a reuse store. Lindell and Salmon shared information on their visits to the ReStore in Superior, WI.

Proulx moved to adjourned at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Lindell and supported by all yea votes. The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 PM, 2015 at the Carlton County Courthouse.

Submitted by,
Karola Dalen
Resource and Recycling Coordinator