

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
January 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
Carlton County Courthouse

Members Present

Voting Members

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| <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"/> Megan Hebert | <input 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

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

Emily Kolodge
GreenCorps Member

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Review and approve October 20, 2016 meeting minutes

October 20, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. Loy moved to approve the minutes. Ezell seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

2. Terms of Service and new member: Megan Hebert

The SWARA committee introduced themselves and welcomed Hebert. Hebert is an employee of Carlton County. She explained that she is ready and willing to learn about solid waste and recycling issues. Dalen reminded committee members of their terms of service.

3. Emily Kolodge, Green Corps Member

Kolodge gave a detailed update on the status of the Green Schools Project. She provided a progress spreadsheet showing the work that has been done for each school. Moose Lake is farthest along and the head of maintenance has been very cooperative. They have ordered recycling bins. We have made contact with most Carlton County schools. Esko and Churchill Elementary (Cloquet) are the only schools that have not yet responded to communications. Kolodge gave an overview of GreenCorps per Provost's request.

4. GreenCorps Project

Dalen explained to the committee that a GreenCorps member has a focus project but may work on a variety of other tasks in the Zoning & Environmental Services department. Kolodge has been assisting with the Resource & Recycling quarterly newsletter, updating/improving publications, conducting waste sorts for recycling education, and aquatic invasive species prevention.

5. Riverside Closure

Crestik explained in detail the multiple factors that led to the decision for closure of Riverside Recycling in Cloquet. A large factor is with fuel prices low the market price for recyclables has dropped dramatically. There have also been recent changes to key employees and changes in regulation on receiving and tracking metals.

6. Recycling Center Grants

Proulx made a motion, to allocate \$5,000 per staffed Recycling Center for the annual 2016 County Recycling Facility Grants. Loy seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

7. *Sharing Time*

Loy shared about a project where he used shelves from a refrigerator and repurposed them for shelves in his garage. Dalen shared that the Transfer Station cashiers retain a small collection of glass microwave plates and crock top lids because people ask for them. Dalen also shared that after watching the documentary *Plastic Paradise*, she is making efforts to reduce the amount of plastic used in daily life. *Plastic Paradise* features the growing problem of plastic in the ocean, including what is referred to as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It was agreed that the film will be shown to the committee at the next meeting.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 26, 2016. The location will be at the Carlton County Courthouse.

Submitted by,
Karola Dalen
Resource and Recycling Coordinator