

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

**Members Present**

Voting Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Ezell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Crestik	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Judd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karola Dalen

Guests:

Carlton County Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

*1. Review and approve January 26, 2016 meeting minutes*

January 26, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. Loy moved to approve the minutes. Lindell seconded and supported by all yeas votes.

*2. Green Schools Project Update*

Dalen provided an update on the new Green Schools Project. Nine out of the 14 schools in Carlton County are participating. The Zoning & Environmental Services office has been approved for another term of hosting a GreenCorps member for September 2016 to August 2017. The next term of service for the GreenCorps member is will be focused on recruiting the 5 schools that have not yet participated in Green Schools Project. It is also anticipated that the member will be assisting schools with a second round of application for the grant for waste reduction projects. Loy asked if funding is available for all schools in the county. Dalen replied with an explanation that \$10,000 is allocated annually for this grant program. Each school is allowed \$2,000 per grant application. After a school has successfully implemented a recycling program, the school may reapply program for other recycling or waste reduction projects.

*3. New Recycling Buildings in Blackhoof and Holyoke.*

Funding has been allocated in this year's budget to remove the two worn-out unstaffed recycling sheds at the Blackhoof and Holyoke locations. Dalen is working with Blackhoof Township and Holyoke Township officials to replace them with new garages which will have a service door for patrons and an overhead door for the recycling contractor. The Holyoke garage will be built in the fall by the Wrenshall High School industrial arts class. Wrenshall School is also participating in Greens School Project so we hope to do a news article on the related projects.

*4. Sharing Time*

Salmon is working hard to restore her newly purchased home. She is diligently finding ways to reuse and repair items along the way. Lindell has delivered collected and cleaned plastic pots to the local greenhouse for reuse. Dalen is restoring a steel 1970's 3-speed cruiser bicycle.

*5. Viewing of Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch*

The committee viewed the 2014 documentary *Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch*. The film focuses on the growing problem of plastics in the ocean. A public viewing of this film will be held on June 24, 2016 at the Transportation Building on Hwy 61 at 7 PM as a presentation of the University of MN Extension's monthly Community Connect classes.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 26, 2016. The committee will tour Bayside Recycling in Duluth. Time TBD. Crestik will arrange the tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Submitted by,  
Karola Dalen  
Resource and Recycling Coordinator