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WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Tuesday March 7, 2023
 Via conference call/Zoom

<p>Council Members Present: , John Anderson, Jarrod Holter, David Keeling, David Pellitteri, Mark Walter, Heidi Woelfel. (Jeff Zillich unable to attend). DNR: Jennifer Semrau, Casey Krausensky, Kate Strom Hiorns, Amy Dubruiel, Dustin Sholly, Cynthia Moore, Rachel Stark. Public: Kathy Hutter, Winnebago County; Jake Brunoehler, Advanced Drainage Systems; Angie Lemar, Foth; Eric Nielsen, Good News Product; Judy Ogren; Mykaela Chaffin, WI Paper Council; Gerry Neuser, Manitowoc County and WCSWMA; Daji Aswad, WISN 12 News; Jana Suriano, SCS; Valerie Parker, Village of Weston; Lisa Ziehlke, Astronautics Corporation of America. Note- due to the call-in/Zoom ability to join the meeting, some participants may not be identified above; omission is not intentional.</p>	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.
Introductions and Announcements	Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves. John Anderson attending as “public” for today’s meeting, waiting on oath of office to be received by the governor’s office. No other announcements.
Approval of Minutes (Dec. 2022)	Motion made by Mark Walter and seconded by David Keeling to approve the minutes of December 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
Election of Officers	<p>J. Semrau, DNR explained the officer roles: chair, vice-chair, secretary (typically DNR staff taking notes). Current: M. Walter chair, D. Pellitteri vice-chair, H. Woelfel sec. No other nominations made. J. Holter motions to keep current officers in place for 2023. Seconded by D. Keeling. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
DNR/Legislative/PFAS Updates	<p>J. Semrau, DNR informed the council of various DNR staffing updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New DNR Secretary Adam Payne and new division leadership, Jim Zellmer Environmental Management Division Administrator • Emiline Gaddis, recycling LTE, left DNR in December; Valerie Joosten left DNR in January; Two members (Mulsoff, Gansluckner) of Non-Landfill Team left in January and March. Lack of funding to fill vacancies currently. <p>J. Semrau, DNR informed the council of various Waste and Materials Management (WMM) program updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agency office consolidation over next few years, Vision 2030 • Annual reporting season for program active now – Infectious Waste Generators, Hazardous Waste Generators, Landfill Annual Reports, MRF Self-Certification, and Responsible Unit Annual Reports • Recycling RU files scanned and digitized, currently entering into program database. • E-Cycle Grant Program second round of applications were due in February. Grants for \$5000 (collection events) and \$10,000 (permanent sites).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Cycle Program advertisements out now. Invite Sarah Murray to future COR meeting to discuss E-Cycle accomplishments and upcoming proposed rule changes. • EPA grant opportunities: • Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants (SWIFR) tribal application still open. WI issued notice of intent to apply for state SWIFR funds and sent in programmatic factors requested by EPA to determine funding to each state. Base grant for each state of \$300,000-\$500,000. • EPA Recycling Education and Outreach grant application submitted by The Recycling Partnership in coordination with WI DNR and six other states. <p>J. Semrau, DNR informed the council of various legislative/rulemaking/PFAS updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR 544 Effective Recycling Program administrative code revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now in approximate one-year rule writing process, will solicit feedback at this meeting and in future. • Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) rule seeking U.S. EPA approval. • NR 500 rule package re: landfills and solid waste fees. Advisory Committee being developed and noticed this week. First public meeting scheduled for April 19. • Dredged material emergency and permanent rule public hearing on March 14 at 1:30 p.m. • Electronics and E-Cycle rule in last stages of legislative review. • Three hazardous waste rules in the works. • Governor’s proposed budget released in February. No changes to recycling efforts in that rule.
<p>Recycling Rule Revision Feedback</p> <p>Slides</p>	<p>J. Semrau, DNR presented slides on proposed/draft rule changes to NR 500, 502, 520 and 544. Feedback was requested from COR members.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Adobe Acrobat Document</p> </div>
<p>Report of Council Activities (Mark Walter, Brown Co)</p>	<p>M. Walter, Brown County discussed option to report to Legislature. He looked at past reports from the COR. Last one was in 2010 to Gov. Scott Walker. It described COR and what it has worked on. M. Walter pulled together information on activities and topics since 2014. One example is how often and where COR has met. M. Walter shared a document with the topics for each meeting and priority issues. Going forward, he would like to return to meeting in different locations around the State to understand markets and hear from different recyclers. Last tour was at Dynamic (electronics recycler) near La Crosse in 2019. Mark has a list of potential facilities to visit. He will share with COR members for comment after this meeting. M. Walter called for ideas on issues for the COR to discuss going forward.</p> <p>In 2017, a COR member was working toward creating a recycling markets report for WI. M. Walter suggests this be included in a report to the Legislature.</p>

Council on Recycling Strategic Plan Discussion	<p>M. Walter, Brown County discussed past strategic planning session held a few years ago. M. Walter suggests it should be a goal to create a COR strategic plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past priority topics include: Plastics recycling Education Electronics Product stewardship Construction & Demolition materials recycling Organics diversion Recycling funding • M. Walter suggests upcoming topics should be: Develop strategic plan Paper recycling markets Plastic recycling markets Product stewardship Batteries and battery containing devices Food waste and organics management <p>Next: M. Walter will clean up documents he has prepared and distribute to COR members for comments. Set aside time at future meeting for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D. Pellitteri said touring can be difficult with timing, but is a good goal to get to several areas of the State. He has always appreciated the presentations from DNR but especially those from organizations and businesses to hear what is going on around the State. - J. Holter agrees, one tour per year is good and then get presentations at meetings for more exposure.
Recycling Market Update	<p>M. Walter, Brown County stated that paper recycling market is improving slightly. Old corrugated cardboard (OCC) is stable and mixed paper is above \$0 for first time in a few months. Plastics information from the Tri-County facility indicates that plastics prices went up, cartons down, and mixed paper up. Markets are marginally slowly improving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D. Pellitteri noted that fiber markets fell last summer and fall, but finally starting to see markets balance out and pricing possibly getting better over next six months. Plastics market had fallen last fall as well but some improvements seen. Metals up a little higher now as well. Normal “springtime rush” of people looking for material.
Recycling Compliance Issues	<p>J. Semrau, DNR said new recycling compliance issues received since the last meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleged issues at multi-family properties in Menasha, Green Bay, Kenosha and Milwaukee. • New complaints intake process in place for Waste Program. Updated form online can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIWasteComplaints
Public Comment	None
Other Business/2023 Meeting Schedule	Quarterly meetings in 2023

Next Meeting Date/ Topics	June 6, 2023, location to be determined
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:56 a.m.