

WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)
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WCSWMA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES -- draft

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TIME: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

PLACE: Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Pkwy, Wisconsin Dells WI 53965
Room: Upper Dells Ballroom

ATTENDEES: Vincent Miresse, David Hagenbucher, Amanda Haffele, Paul Klose, Allison Birr, Jon Reisenbuechler, Craig Berit, John Welch, Jennifer Semrau, Abby Lichtscheidl

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda – Call to order 8:40am by Gerry Neuser
Approval – Vincent motion to approve the agenda and second by John Welch.
All in favor, motion passes.
2. Approval of 11/03/23 Business Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by John and second Amanda
All in favor, motion passes
3. Election of Executive Board Members – Terms Expiring in First Quarter of 2024
Members with terms Expiring in 2024: *New terms end at the 2026 annual meeting*
 - i. Professionals: Gerry Neuser stepping back. Nominations for Professionals for 2023
 1. Nominations:
Amanda nominates Allison Birr to Professional and Chair
Amanda nominates John Welch to Professional.
Vinnie motions to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Allison and John. Seconded by Abbie.
All in favor, motion passes.
 - ii. Policy Makers: Vinnie Miresse, Fred Zaug, (2) Open Positions
 1. Nominations
Amanda nominates Vinnie and Fred to continue.
John moves to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vinnie and Fred. Seconded by Abby.
All in favor, motion passes.
4. Chairperson's Report – Gerry presented the following report for the 2023 WCSWMA Activities
 - a. Firstly, a moment of silence taken to honor the loss of Pat O'Brien.
 - b. 2023 held two meetings in Stevens Point and the annual meeting in Green Bay at WIRMC 2023
 - c. Met with AROW and SWANA WI regarding the SW 101 Course
 - d. WCSWMA represented at WasteCon this year with both Gerry, Amanda, and John attending (also representing SWANA WI)
 - e. 3 scholarships awarded
 - i. Meleesa Johnson award went to MaKayla Galecki, UW-Stevens Point
 - f. 2 others awarded scholarships were Carly Nyhus, UW-Green Bay, and Anna Bose, Ripon College. The scholarship committee (Vincent, Allison, and Sujata) updated the scholarship criteria.
 - g. WCSWMA has been active regarding issues related to PFAS. We have been signatures on legislative action related to PFAS

- h. WCSWMA was also one of the sponsors of the PFAS Conference held in Wausau last summer.
 - i. Regarding Advocacy and Education, we have our website that stays updated and active. www.wcswma.org
 - j. This past year, we had 3 representatives helping on the planning team for WIRMC –Jon, Pat, and Ali Rathsack on conference planning
 - k. Thank you for the great years personal note by Gerry.
5. Treasurer's Report – Amanda
- a. Amanda shared the budget with the group
 - b. Met our planned budget for 2023 meeting budget at 93%
 - c. Checking Account --\$252.17
 - d. Savings Account -- \$48,407.71
- Motion to accept the budget report as presented by John, Seconded by Vinnie
All in favor, motion passes.
6. Legislative & Advocacy Report -
- a. Coordination of issues with AROW & SWANA-BC
 - i. Solid Waste 101 Course – Update on development – Susan gave an update and overview of the professional development course.
 - b. Legislative updates and/or other updates – John and Jennifer gave an update on current legislative activities.
 - i. AB 492/SB 624 Owner Financial Responsibility, Net Worth Method – Passed both chambers last week and is heading to the Governor to sign. Huge win for us.
 - ii. LRB 5411/1 Changes to E-waste Program – passed the assembly and on the way to be signed by the governor.
 - iii. NR 500 Landfill Rulemaking – Update given by John Welch and Kate from DNR.
 - iv. NR 500, 502, 542 & 544 - Recycling Rulemaking – Jennifer gave an update on this. Drafting of this ruling is wrapping up and concluded the public comment period. Next it will go to the Natural Resources Board. Then it will go to the legislature.
 - v. Revisions to NR 439 – Reporting, Monitoring, and Recordkeeping for Air Permits – No major changes. This revision was to simplify reporting processes.
 - vi. Revisions to NR 140 – Groundwater Quality Standards for PFAs – This is moving forward and coming to an end to establish PFAS standards for groundwater.
7. Scholarship Programs Report – Gerry gave a summary during his chair report.
- a. 2023 WCSWMA awardees and poster display – Check that out here at WIRMC.
 - i. *2023 Scholarship Committee: Vinnie Miresse, Allison Birr, Sujata Gautam*
 - b. 2024 WCSWMA Scholarship Program
 - i. Selection of 3-person Selection Committee members for 2024
 - 1. Vinnie and Allison would like to stay on this committee
Motion by Abby to nominate Dave, Vinnie, and Allison to be on the scholarship committee and seconded by John.
All in favor, passed.
8. 2025 WIRMC Joint Conference: Susan gave a summary of this year
- a. Save the date: February 26 – Feb. 28, 2025
 - b. Location: Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI
 - c. Selection of WCSWMA representatives to the 2025 Planning Committee
 - i. *2024 WCSWMA reps: Allison Rathsack, Jon Reisenbuechler, Pat O'Brien (Gerry has been filling in)*
 - ii. *Ali, John, and Allison*
 - 1. *Motion Abby to nominate Ali, Jon, and Allison to the WIRMC Planning Committee for 2025. John Seconded.*
 - 2. *All in favor, motion passes*
9. Other Matters Germane to the Agenda and as Allowed by Law
- a. Dave wanted to note that his landfill is having more requests for taking PFAs containing filters and substances that are known to contain PFAS. People are wanting to dispose of their PFAS filter systems at our landfill. Our board is discussing this and the liability of taking these items. Do others in the room have similar experiences with these substances and have

recommendations. We are concerned of risk and liability of taking substances that are KNOWN to continuing PFAS.

- i. Others face similar issues. The problem is that the leachate treatment centers won't take leachate if there are known PFAS.
- ii. If landfills take known sources of PFAS, it is easier to get shut down.
- iii. This continues to be a concern.

10. Next Meeting Date & Location: TBD / May 2024

Motion by Amanda to adjourn and seconded by Vinnie.

11. Adjourn