



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Monday, May 19,  
2025  
5:00 PM

Board Members Present: David Manderfeld, Jack Ezell, Jim Aird, Julene Boe, Loren Lilly, Marcia Podratz, Paul Thomsen, and Rob Schilling

Board Members Absent: Laura Ness

Staff Present: Chuck Kimball, Cathy Remington, Tim Lundell, AJ Axtell, Brandon Kohlts, Carrie Clement, Lauri Amundson, and Chase Poppenhagen

Legal Present: Dave Oberstar, Fryberger Law Office

Public Speakers Present: Brittani Elm, and Dave Fink

Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Page

**1. Public Comments**


Two members of the public, Brittani Elm and Dave Fink, signed up and were given the opportunity to speak regarding the solid waste disposal agreement agenda item. Each was given 5 minutes to speak.

**2. Agenda Review**

**3. Old Business**

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- |     |   |         |
|-----|---|---------|
| 4.1 | Regular Board Minutes dated April 28, 2025<br><a href="#">April 28, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.pdf</a> | 6 - 10  |
| 4.2 | Board Member vouchers for April<br><a href="#">Voucher for April 2025.pdf</a>                           | 11 - 12 |
| 4.3 | Payment Vouchers dated April 23 through May 13, 2025<br><a href="#">05-13-2025 Board Register.pdf</a>   | 13 - 20 |

- |     |  |         |
|-----|--|---------|
| 4.4 | Approval of Sanitary Sewer Extension- Fond du Lac Grow Facility- Twin Lakes Township<br><a href="#">Approval of Sanitary Sewer Extension - Fond du Lac Grow Facility - Twin Lakes Township</a>  <a href="#">Fond du Lac Grow Facility.pdf</a>  | 21 - 38 |
| 4.5 | Approval of Sanitary Sewer Extension- Reside Apartments- City of Hermantown<br><a href="#">Reside Apartments Sewer Extension - City of Hermantown</a> <br><a href="#">Reside Apartments packet.pdf</a>                                       | 39 - 54 |
|     | <b>Approval of Consent Agenda Items</b>  | 39 - 54 |

*Moved by:* Marcia Podratz

*Seconded by:* David Manderfeld

**The Motion Passes**

## 5. New Business Items for Discussion and Approval

### Operations and Planning

- |     |  |         |
|-----|--|---------|
| 5.1 | Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Louis County for Solid Waste Disposal Services<br><a href="#">Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Louis County for Solid Waste Disposal Services</a>  | 55 - 56 |
|-----|--|---------|

Discussion: Member Thomsen asked how to reconcile the public comments received. Brandon Kohlts said that Dave Fink, Director of Environmental Services, and others representing St. Louis County were present and available to address the Board. Director Fink provided an overview of the substantial submittal documenting construction of the landfill cell, as well as the ongoing monitoring at the facility. Director Fink also noted the perfect compliance record of the landfill over its 32-year history and described how issues during construction have been reported to the MPCA and any issues addressed. Member Schilling inquired and received clarification from Director Fink that the submittal of construction documentation was submitted to the MPCA in the fall of 2024 and that the approval letter from the MPCA

had been received on November 26, 2024, which stated the cell may be placed into service.

**The Operations and Planning Committee recommends that the Board approve entering into an agreement with St. Louis County for solid waste disposal services effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2036.**

55 - 56

*Moved by:* Jack Ezell

*Seconded by:* David Manderfeld

- 5.2 Approval of Resolution 25-08; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR-208 Compliance Annual Report

57 - 67

[CMAR Board Packet.pdf](#) 

**The Operations and Planning Committee recommends that the Board approve Resolution 25-08 to facilitate the fulfillment of the WI DNR's WPDES permit requirement to submit a CMAR for calendar year 2024.**

57 - 67

*Moved by:* Paul Thomsen

*Seconded by:* Jim Aird

**Aye** Jack Ezell, Jim Aird, Julene Boe, Loren Lilly, Marcia Podratz, Paul Thomsen, and Rob Schilling



**Motion passed. 7-0**

Resolution 25-08; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR-208 Compliance Annual Report passes with 7 ayes and 2 absent

## **Governance**

- 5.3 Approval of the Recommendation of the 2025-2026 Board Officer and Committee Assignments

68 - 69

[Recommendation - 2025-2026 Board Officer and Committee Assignments](#)  [2025-2026 Board Officers and Committee Assignments.pdf](#) 

**The Governance Committee recommends that the Board approve 2025-2026 officer positions.**

68 - 69

*Moved by:* Jim Aird

*Seconded by:* Marcia Podratz

**The Motion Passes**

## **6. Committee Reports**

6.1 Committee of the Whole 70 - 71  
[Committee of the Whole - Apr 28 2025 Minutes.pdf](#) 

6.2 Finance 72 - 78  
[Finance and Personnel Committee - May 15, 2025, - May 15 2025 - Minutes - PDF.pdf](#) 

6.3 Operations and Planning 79 - 122  
[Operations and Planning Committee - May 13 2025 - May 13 2025 - Minutes - PDF.pdf](#) 

6.4 Personnel


6.5 Legislative 123 - 124  
[Legislative Governance Committee - May 15, 2025 - Agenda - Pdf.pdf](#) 

6.6 Board Governance

6.7 Board Member Comments

## **7. Reporting**

7.1 Communications  
AJ Axtell discussed the communications for May

7.2 Monthly Financials 125 - 136  
Cathy Remington presented a report on the financials for April.  
[April 2025 Financials.pdf](#) 

7.3 NPDES

137 - 145

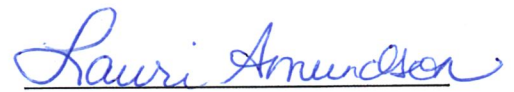
Tim Lundell presented the April NPDES. There were no releases in April.

[2025 April NPDES Board Report.pdf](#) 

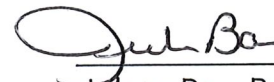
7.4 Executive Director

8. **Legal Counsel**

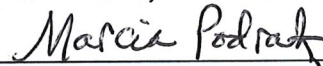
9. **Executive Session (staff excused)**



Recording Secretary



Julene Boe, Board Chair



Marcia Podratz, Board  
Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

