

**HOUGHTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019**

The Solid Waste Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Attendance:

Commissioner Tikkanen, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Janssen.

Also in attendance were David Hall, Walter Kania, Tom Shook, Eric Forsberg, Evan McDonald, Angela Yu, Terrie Bray, and Jennifer Kelly.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to accept the May 2019 Minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Eagle Waste/Transfer Station

Chairman Tikkanen informed the Committee that Eagle Waste toured the Transfer Station today, and stated Eagle Waste is interested in providing services to Houghton

County. Eagle Waste is interested in knowing the amount of materials generated in Houghton County. They may consider acquiring a piece of property or possibly leasing property to set up recycling. The Committee discussed that Bessmer has the best trash/recycling for all of their residents. Eagle Waste wants to provide curbside pick up for all residents in Houghton County. Terrie Bray stated that the County gets paid by GREF about once every 4-5 weeks. As of June, the County owes GREF money. Eagle Waste is current servicing about 90 areas.

The Committee ers of the Committee toured the material recovery facility in Eagle River, WI. It is ran by Eagle Waste and serves 92 communities.

Commissioner Janssen commented on the east and west coast and how China will not take any more recycling and they are now operating more efficiently.

The Committee discussed Alden Albi can run plants with scanners.

David Hall feels that recycling has to be a regional idea, and encourages the county to lease or operate a facility.

Commissioner Anderson stated it was \$165/ton in the City of Hancock, and \$150/ton for recycling. Eagle Waste is going to come here to tour the transfer station.

The State has money for remote areas available.

Public Comments:

Horst Schmidt stated Michigan Tech has issues with Pefas.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Prepared By: Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds & Clerk of the
Solid Waste Committee