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WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON RECYCLING
 September 22, 2015
 Department of Natural Resources, Madison WI

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| <p>Council Members Present: Joe Liebau, Jim Birmingham, Jeff Zillich, Gary Harter Council Members Absent: George Hayducsko, Heidi Woelfel DNR: Brad Wolbert, Barb Bickford, Angela Carey Public: Meleesa Johnson, Marathon County SW, AROW; Jason Salisbury, Landfill Reduction and Recycling; Jessica Pernsteiner, Edgewood College Sustainability Leadership; Jennifer Semrau, Winnebago County; Mark Walter, Brown County;</p> | |
| Call to Order | Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m. |
| Approval of Minutes (May 6, 2015) | Motion to approve minutes made by Joe Liebau and seconded by Jim Birmingham, approved by voice vote. |
| Introductions & Announcements | <p>Council members and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>Vice- Chair Jim Birmingham shared information with the council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) received the “National Recycling Coalition 2015 Outstanding State Recycling Organization” award. |
| DNR Presentation | <p>Brad Wolbert, DNR provided an introduction to the new Council on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council structure and duties • Open meeting rules • Wisconsin recycling law • Overview of recent council work (2009-2014) <p>Action: No Action Taken.</p> |
| Election of New Officers | <p>Jim Birmingham nominated himself for Chairperson. Jim Birmingham nominated Joe Liebau for Vice Chairperson Jim Birmingham nominated Gary Harter for Secretary</p> <p>Action: Nominations passed by voice vote.</p> |
| Discussion of Future Priority Issues | <p>Chair Jim Birmingham, recommended that the Council meet quarterly and before the end of 2015. Members agreed to try to meet every quarter and to work to maintain the level of accomplishments made by the council in collaboration with its partners during the last council session.</p> <p>Member suggestions for priority issues included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain plastics subcommittee updates as a standing item on the agenda • Study product stewardship and extended producer responsibility opportunities for a variety of materials including paint, batteries etc. • Study C&D recycling opportunities and barriers • Explore zero waste concept and initiatives • Address material issues such as glass |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain recycling industry and MRF market connections • Restore funding to RUs • Address policy to insure that fees collected for recycling are appropriated to recycling activities • Request full council membership including a representative from the public sector to work with business, industry and non-profit representatives • Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to expand recycling in Wisconsin and address the barriers and challenges to C&D, glass, food and paint recycling <p>Action: Members will be prepared to present their recommendations for priority issues at the November meeting.</p> |
| Public Comment | <p><i>Jennifer Samrau</i> informed the council that the 19th annual conference on Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Solutions will take place 09/30 – 10/01 in Waupaca. Registration is available on line.</p> |
| Other Business/ Next meeting | <p>Angie will send out a poll to establish the date, time and location for the next meeting. It appeared that the first two weeks of November would work best for the members present.</p> |
| Meeting Adjourned | <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am; motioned by Joe Liebau and seconded by Gary Harter.</p> |