

Notes
WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON RECYCLING
 Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 1:00-2:00 pm
 Phone Conference

<p>Council Members Present: Joe Liebau, Jim Birmingham, Jeff Zillich, Gary Harter, Heidi Woelfel DNR: Brad Wolbert, Barb Bickford, Angela Carey, Ann Coakley, Kari Beetham Public: Jennifer Semrau, AROW; Shari Kilka, Bemis Co.</p>	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.
Approval of Minutes (November 4, 2015)	Motion to approve minutes made by Gary Harter and seconded by Joe Liebau.
Introductions & Announcements	Council members and guests introduced themselves.
DNR Updates	<p>Brad Wolbert, DNR informed the council that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E-Cycle Wisconsin's 2015 annual report is now available on our website. The report includes suggestions and recommendations for legislative changes. Senator Mark Miller plans to propose legislation to address some of the challenges outlined in the report. 2. A summary of a survey of local governments regarding paint management methods and costs is now available and was emailed to council members. 3. Delta Plastics now known as Revolution Plastics in Wisconsin announced plans to expand agricultural plastic recycling to two dozen counties in Wisconsin in the spring of 2016. 4. George Hayducsko has formally submitted his resignation to the Governor's office. There are now two vacancies on the council. Applications to serve on the council can be found on the Governor's website. <p>Action: No Action Taken.</p>
Priority Issue Planning	<p>Council members identified issues they would like to see prioritized:</p> <p>Joe Liebau: all issues and in particular organics, C&D materials Gary Harter: organics, education and outreach, electronics, plastics markets Heidi Woelfel: education and outreach Jeff Zillich: plastics, education and outreach, electronics Jim Birmingham: paint stewardship, education and outreach, C&D materials</p> <p>Jim suggested that the council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to review the progress on plastics and provide updates every other meeting. 2. Review information on Senate Bill 340/Assembly Bill 515 and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's Informational Paper #65 on Recycling Financial Assistance Programs for the next meeting and be prepared to discuss how the council can support the restoration of funding to RUs.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Review the DNR's 2015 E-cycle Annual Report and the bill Senator Mark Miller would like to propose to address the challenges outlined in the report. (Gary Harter left the meeting.) 4. Meet monthly, alternating face to face meetings and phone conference calls. 5. Develop a schedule of meetings with locations throughout the state. <p>Action: Council members will review the material discussed. Brad Wolbert will contact Senator Mark Miller's office to determine if they can meet to discuss E-cycle legislation being considered.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Jennifer Semrau, AROW informed the council that AROW's committees on Organics, Education, Government Affairs, Hazardous and Special Waste, Product Stewardship and Public Place Recycling meet quarterly. These committees are working on many of the same items the council is discussing and there is the potential for collaboration.</p> <p>A few of the projects AROW is working on include supporting AB 340 to increase funding to RUs by three million in 2016, writing a C&D recycling white paper and developing a glass task force to address glass processing issues in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Semrau also informed the council of today's deadline for Senator Roth's Bill 3829(2) to limit local government's ability to regulate containers (plastic, paper, cardboard, etc.)</p> <p>Brad Wolbert, DNR informed the council that the DNR's Waste Materials Management program has established a new waste study group. Members are appointed by the Secretary. The first meeting will be before the council's next meeting on 02/19/2016. Their work on solid waste and material diversion may provide opportunities to work with the council and will require some coordination to avoid a duplication of efforts.</p>
Other Business/ Next meeting	The next face to face meeting will be in Madison on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 9:30-12:30 pm.
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm; motioned by Joe Liebau and seconded by Heidi Woelfel.