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WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
 Historic Hose Tower, Greendale, WI

<p>Council Members Present: Jim Birmingham, Gary Harter(by phone), Dave Keeling, Heidi Woelfel, Jeff Zillich (by phone) DNR: Angela Carey, Casey Lamensky (by phone), Jennifer Semrau Public: Rebecca Mattano, Waukesha County; Sharon Ehrhardt, Jefferson County;</p>	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.
Approval of Minutes (August 10 th , 2016)	Motion made by Heidi Woelfel and seconded by Gary Harter to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016. Motion carried (4-0).
Introductions and Announcements	Council members and guests introduced themselves.
DNR Updates	<p>Jennifer Semrau, DNR informed the council that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Van Rossum has accepted the position of recycling and solid waste section chief for the Waste and Materials Management (WMM) Bureau and will begin October 31st. A new environmental program associate has been hired for the SE region. The NE region is searching for a new engineer and hydro-geologist and central office is seeking a hazardous waste plan review specialist. 2. WMM staff will be gathering for a statewide meeting October 11-12th. 3. The WMM Study Group has established five sub-committees to research and develop recommendations on previously selected topics including alternative landfill caps, C&D landfills and recycling, groundwater monitoring at closed landfills, organics management and recycling innovation. The study group will meet next on Oct. 26th. All full and sub-group meetings are open to the public. 4. The next Solid Waste Interested Parties (SWIP) meeting will be held on Oct. 19th at MATC's Truax campus. 5. DNR recycling staff will be presenting at the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting on Oct. 10 and at WI Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC) March 1-3, 2017. 6. The executive committee of the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) issued a memo to its members regarding the state environmental management fund and 2016 waste tonnage. A copy of the memo will be available on the council's website. 7. The 2015 RU and MRF data is under review, and it appears that the recycling tonnages reported by RUs are consistent with previous years while the MRF data, down from previous years, reflects a change in the number of MRFs required to report to the DNR. 8. The WI Recycling Markets Directory is still under development by UWGB staff and will be available soon. 9. The recycling program issued two notices of non-compliance in 2016 to RUs who failed to submit a recycling annual report. One of the

	<p>RUs has subsequently submitted the report, while the second has not. Thirteen RUs are on probation for submitting reports after the April 30th deadline. One of the thirteen is on probation for the second year in a row and has been invoiced for their 2015 grant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Earlier this year, the City of Oconto decided to separate from Oconto County and become an independent RU. As a result, the population that the county served dropped significantly, and it became apparent that the county may not be able to continue to offer services to the remaining municipalities. Consequently, many Oconto communities are considering separating from the county and becoming independent RUs. The DNR is working with the county and potentially new RUs to assist them with both the grant application due October 1st and the effective recycling application due November 30th. 11. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) will publish the 2017 Recycling Financial Assistance Programs Information Paper in January. 12. The 2016 household recycling survey analysis is ongoing, and results will be available soon. 13. The DNR is represented on the Product Stewardship Institute’s (PSI) board and AROW/ACA/PaintCare and will continue to follow product stewardship initiatives in Wisconsin, specifically paint stewardship. 14. DNR was represented at the Region 5 EPA Stakeholders meetings Sept. 21-22 where they discussed the interest in and need to identify economic impact of recycling in the Midwest, amongst other topics. 15. The Recycling Excellence Awards will be announced in October. 16. The City of Milwaukee recently launched a twelve month organics collection pilot study program. More information is available on their website. 17. Ag plastic recycling opportunities are increasing in Wisconsin as Revolution Plastics expands its service area to the west central and north eastern regions of the state. 18. AROW hosted a free webinar on NRDC’s “Save the Food” campaign. This campaign was recently launched in partnership with the Ad Council to raise awareness about food waste within the U.S. 19. Council members were reminded that they will hold annual elections at the first meeting in 2017.
<p>Glass Taskforce Presentation</p>	<p><i>Rebecca Mattano, Waukesha County</i> presented a report developed by AROW’s Glass Taskforce on the research and preliminary findings on market-based technical and regulatory solutions, and implementation strategies for glass recycling in Wisconsin.</p> <p>The taskforce made recommendations addressing MRFs, industry standards and specifications, non-cullet recycling and beneficial reuse, regulatory and legislative requirements, and stakeholder partnerships. Mattano stressed the need for cooperation among local units of government (LUGs), MRFs, public works entities, the Department of Transportation and private stakeholders.</p> <p>Action: Motion made by Heidi Woelfel and seconded by David Keeling to support AROW’s Glass Taskforce and promote legislation to support the recommendations made by the taskforce.</p>
<p>Council Vacancy and</p>	<p><i>Chair Jim Birmingham</i> confirmed that both the letters to the director of</p>

RU Funding Letter Distribution Summary	gubernatorial appointments regarding council vacancies and the letter to the legislature regarding RU funding were successfully distributed. Action: No action taken.
Priority Issue Strategy Development	<i>Chair Jim Birmingham</i> recommended the council invite Meleesa Johnson, president of AROW to lead a discussion on opportunities for collaboration between the council and other recycling and solid waste organizations. Following the discussion, council members will follow up with a work session focusing on strategy development for one or two priority topics. Action: No action taken.
Other Business/ Next Meeting	Angie will send out a doodle poll to select a date and time for the November meeting. Tentatively scheduled locations for future meetings are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November, 2016 in Dane County (Madison) • January, 2017 in Portage County (Stevens Point) • March, 2017 at WIRMC in Sheboygan County (Elkhart Lake)
Public Comment	<i>Sharon Ehrhardt, Jefferson County</i> , informed the council that on Feb. 9 th , 2016, the Jefferson County Board adopted a resolution supporting amendment to 2009 Wisconsin Act 50 and to support 2015 Assembly Bill 515. After passing this resolution, the Wisconsin Counties Association passed Conference Resolution 2 to support Senate Bill 340 and Assembly Bill 515. Copies of the resolution were sent to the legislature.
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm; motioned by Dave Keeling and seconded by Heidi Woelfel. Motion carried (5-0).



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