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WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Friday, March 1st, 2019
 WI Integrated Resource Management Conference
 Holiday Inn & Convention Center
 1001 Amber Ave, Steven's Point

<p>Council Members Present: Gary Harter (phone), Jarrod Holter (phone), Dave Keeling, David Pellitteri, Heidi Woelfel (phone), Jeff Zillich DNR: Jennifer Semrau, Kate Strom Hiorns, Joe Van Rossum, Casey Lamensky, Ariana Mankerian Public: Jim Birmingham, Former Council Chair; Tonya Randell, More Recycling; Jake Beeler; Pratt Recycling (phone); Chris June, Pellitteri Waste; Don Hacker, Liberty Tire Recycling; Bill Clendenning, Town of Grand Rapids (Wood Co); Valerie Parker, Village of Weston; Joanne Gorski, Outagamie County; Amanda Haffele, Portage County</p>	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
Introductions and Announcements	Council members and guests introduced themselves.
Approval of Minutes (December 12, 2018)	Motion made by Jeff Zillich and seconded by David Pellitteri to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018. Motion carried (6-0).
Council Membership/ Vacancy Update	Dave Keeling, Council Chair/Steel Recycling Institute (SRI) reported he had been in contact with Cassi Fenili with the Governor's office on the vacancy left by David Pellitteri replacing Jim Birmingham on the council (versus filling the open seat).
DNR/Legislative Updates	<p>Jennifer Semrau, DNR informed the council of various DNR staffing updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Albino joined the department on 1/7 as the Business and IT Section Chief, located in Madison. • A hydrogeologist position is in recruitment and will be located in Green Bay, Fitchburg or Eau Claire. • The Waste and Material Management (WMM) Program recently lost Limited Term Employee (LTE) Cyndi Thomas, who did communications work in recycling and other areas. <p>J. Semrau, DNR informed the council of various WMM program updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WMM program is supporting the new administration, under Preston Cole. Darsi Foss has been named the Environmental Management (EM) Division Administrator. • Staff are amid annual report season. Infectious waste is due today (3/1), Material Recovery Facility (MRF) has been released (due 3/30) and Responsible Unit (RU) will be released in about two weeks (due 4/30). • The recycling program is developing a survey which will be sent to all MRFs seeking more information on acceptable/non-acceptable materials, materials for which they are struggling to markets and top contaminants. DNR plans to issue 'top 10 contaminants' publication. • The WMM program is requiring all sharps collection stations to reregister via a new online form. The present list is outdated and contains closed facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 369 placed a pause on the development and completion of new guidance. Legal review is continuing, and the program is awaiting direction on how to proceed. Staff have been reviewing inventory and status of current guidance. Amongst the guidance in limbo are the new glass management guidance and many E-cycle documents. • DNR is focusing on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Key DNR staff recently visited MN Pollution Control Agency. WMM is coordinating with Remediation & Redevelopment on sampling/testing issues. A DNR cross program coordinator will be hired. • WMM is planning to host an E-cycle/Storm Debris/RU workshop in May in the Eau Claire area. • DNR is coordinating with EPA Region 5 to hold a webinar on lithium ion battery/fire safety at solid waste/recycling facilities.
Plastic Market Update  More Rcy Plastics 3.19.pdf	Tonya Randell, More Recycling provided an update on plastic markets. Jim Birmingham, Birmingham Industries mentioned the impacts of winter and increased export inspections (can cost \$10,000 to ship back). T. Randell confirmed cold, snow and two hurricanes have impacted the marketplace. T. Randell said new domestic processing is being developed. D. Keeling said that while other export markets are available (Malaysia, Vietnam) it costs more to ship as there isn't a backhaul of empty containers like China. D. Keeling said there is a national bill on recycling infrastructure development.
Paper Market Update  Pratt Industries 3.19.pdf	Jake Beeler, Pratt Industries provided an update on paper markets. He credits Pratt's vertical integration with weathering the market storm. J. Birmingham said China's Nine Dragons has bought four US paper mills. D. Keeling reflected that with processing costing \$90-95/ton, the low prices for mixed paper are a challenge. Heidi Woelfel said people do not know how to correctly recycle. D. Keeling said IL is doing more tagging.
Regional Market Update	Jeff Zillich, Advanced Disposal shared experiences from the Portage County MRF. J. Zillich said there used to be price separation between PETE and HDPE color, which is not the case now. Similarly, there used to be materials of high value which offset the low value materials. WI is fortunate with the number of paper mills right here in state, keeping paper local. Still pricing is the challenge; 40% of the stream is mixed paper, worth \$0/ton. Steel is also staying local (Waupaca). Lower grade plastic (#3-7 and mixed rigid) has little to no value. Aluminum has seen a pricing dip; due to glut of material, quality is critical. A new aluminum smelter will be coming online in WI Rapids in a year or so. Overall, the MRF is keeping things moving. The operation is a hand-sort facility, which while slower, creates cleaner bales.
Recycling Markets Sub-Committee Report	No discussion.
Public Comment	D. Keeling, SRI invited the public to speak. Valerie Parker, Village of Weston discussed how haulers in Weston are not providing recycling services with waste services; often only a cardboard container (not single stream). Don Hacker, Liberty Tire encouraged the council to keep tires in the conversation. D. Hacker invited the council to Auburndale for a tour/future meeting at their tire processing facility.
Other Business	None.
Next Meeting Date and Location	The council will hold its next meeting in-person in Madison. H. Woelfel will invite a speaker from Spectrum or Johnson Controls.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm; motioned by David Pellitteri and seconded by Jeff Zillich. Motion carried (6-0).