

June 24, 2021

**EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201**  
**1316 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**  
**OR JOIN BY PHONE: (US) +1 424-286-1593 PIN: 182 221 383#**  
**OR VIDEO: <https://meet.google.com/pzx-osdp-hhy>**

**\*Due to COVID-19 concerns, members of the committee and public may attend the meeting remotely.**

Please call the County Clerk's Office (395-1397) if you will not be able to attend.

**MEMBERS:** Sue Hendrickson, Chair      Michael Raunio, Vice Chair      Wendy Bong  
Joel Certa-Werner      Mike Streveler

**A G E N D A**

**(Committee to maintain a two-hour meeting limit or take action to continue meeting beyond that time.)**

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of February 17, 2021, meeting minutes (attached).
3. Introduction of Ellen Chicka, Office/Media Associate.
4. Reports:
  - (a) Recycling – S. Johnson; (attached);
  - (b) Extension:
    - (1) Area Extension Director – M. Pardee;
    - (2) Agriculture & Horticulture – J. Anklam;
    - (3) FoodWise – J. Montgomery/T. Nichols;
    - (4) Human Development & Relationships – T. Henegar;
    - (5) 4-H Program – K. Stenroos; and
    - (6) Youth Development – M. Johnson-Garay.
  - (c) 2020 Annual report (to be distributed).
5. Action items/referrals:
  - (a) 2022 Extension budget priorities:
    - (1) Community youth development programming; and
    - (2) Part-time vs. full-time Office/Media Associate.
  - (b) WEXA update – Sue Hendrickson (attached).
6. Future agenda items – next meeting date.
7. Adjournment.

cc: S. Nelson (Telegram)      UW-Extension Staff      Jennifer Barton (Recycling)      Sheldon Johnson  
County Board      Ann Doucette      Sue Sandvick

**NOTE: Attachments to agenda available in County Clerk's Office for viewing or copying, or on county's website [www.douglascountywi.org](http://www.douglascountywi.org)**  
Action may be taken on items on the agenda. The County of Douglas complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are in need of an accommodation to participate in the public meeting process, please contact the Douglas County Clerk's Office at (715) 395-1341 by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Douglas County will attempt to accommodate any request depending on the amount of notice we receive. TOO (715)395-7521.

Posted: Courthouse, Government Center, Superior Public Library, [www.douglascountywi.org](http://www.douglascountywi.org)

 06/24/2021

Name

Date

**EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201**  
**1316 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Sue Hendrickson, Joel Certa-Werner (remote), Michael Raunio (remote), Wendy Bong (remote), Mike Streveler (remote). Others present – Mary Johnson-Garay (remote), Mary Pardee, Tarah Nichols (remote), Katie Stenroos (remote), Tracy Henegar (remote), Sheldon Johnson (remote), Jim Borgeson (remote), Sam Jones (remote), Claudia Fezzy (remote), Mary Anderson-Petroske (remote), Payton Mattson (remote), Lora Randa (remote), Evelyn Flesvig (remote), Chayce Strauch (remote), Cheryl Westman, Heidi Hoff, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Raunio, second Bong, to approve the October 21, 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Recycling – S. Johnson: Use of Rural Douglas County Recycling Container Sites by Adjoining Douglas County Residents:** Village of Lake Nebagamon resident needs extra recycling container due to medical hardship resulting in excess cardboard; additional cost to resident (cart service). Utilizing an adjoining Douglas County township’s facility (Highland) discussed. Sam Jones, Town of Highland representative, noted they had previously opened their facility to everyone and were overwhelmed, so they started issuing cards for resident use only. Johnson clarified no state laws exist barring a resident from using another municipality’s facilities, but doing so may cause financial and resource hardships. Each municipality will decide whether to restrict their recycling facility to residents only or to allow non-resident use on a case by case basis.

**Partnership/financial contribution to City of Superior Hazardous Waste Collection:** Due to cost, the summer 2021 City of Superior hazardous waste event cancelled. The mercury collection event will go forward.

**General Updates:** Higher costs due to volume increase on residential recycling containers. Additional containers added to Dairyland and Parkland. Percentage goal of non-recyclables in container is 0%. Household hazardous waste collection event to be held at Parkland Town Hall August 31, 2021, 2pm – 6pm, and is open to all Douglas County residents.

**Investing in Communities – S. Hendrickson:** Informational article included in meeting packet.

**Presentations: “Understanding Why Black Lives Matter”** – Superior High School Amnesty International Group. Overview of lethal force in the U.S. History of slave patrols and Jim Crow laws that legalized racial segregation. Trailer for “13<sup>th</sup>” on Netflix shown. Highlighted Amnesty International BLM advocacy and George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

**“Extension Overview”** – Pardee reviewed Extension programs and the team that supports them, as well as the budget.

**Extension: Area Extension Director – M. Pardee:** Pardee reported telecommuting still ongoing, also safe to work in the office; face to face programs less than 10 people. Plan to hire a 50% Office/Media Associate. April 1st deadline for statewide summer camp decision. WEXA new organization starting up again, with dues of \$50.

**Agriculture & Horticulture – J. Anklam:** Anklam not present.

**FoodWise – J. Montgomery/T. Nichols:** Nichols provided overview of programs in progress including Cooking Matters virtual classes, providing \$25 gift cards to families in need who attend.

**Human Development & Relationships – T. Henegar:** Henegar provided overview of programs in progress. Introduced Evelyn Flesvig, UW-Superior intern. She primarily works with incarcerated population.

**4-H Program – K. Stenroos:** Stenroos provided overview of programs in progress. Still limited in-person events. Provided 4H Home for the Holidays camp in a box to members.

**Youth Development – M. Johnson-Garay:** Johnson provided overview of programs in progress. Continued literacy work, and mindfulness with youth.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**2021 Meeting Dates:** Third Wednesday every other month @ 1pm. Next meeting April 15, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Raunio, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Heidi Hoff, Committee Clerk

## Douglas County Recycling Report

June 2021

The 2020 Annual Report Recycling Program Accomplishments and Actual Costs report was prepared and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in April 2021. Total eligible recycling costs in 2020 totaled \$108,001. DNR 2020 grant funding totaled \$55,702.60. A total of 910.16 tons of recyclables was collected in rural Douglas County from the 10 permanent collection sites and nine communities with cart service. In 2019 a total of 892.25 tons of recyclables was collected.

The DNR awarded Douglas County \$56,012.52 in grant funding to assist in operational costs for calendar year 2021.

Bennett and Gordon/Wascott containers taken out of service for the winter due to slowdown in volume have been placed back in service as of the end of May.

The Douglas County Recycling Newsletter is currently in production with a goal of printing and distribution by mid-July. The 2021 newsletter will continue to focus on the basics of recycling to educate the public to only recycle items that can be recycled.

The Douglas County HHW Cleansweep event is scheduled at the Town of Parkland Town Hall (parking lot) on Tuesday, August 31 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. The event will also take items from farms and very small quantity generators (VSQG) who preregister prior to the event. Collection of unwanted residential medications will also occur. Attached is a copy of the full HHW schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com).



# 2021 NW Wisconsin Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Tuesday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor	<b>Medford</b> - Hwy Shop 208 N Eighth St. (no Rx)*	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Kyle Noonan Taylor County Zoning Department (715) 748-1485
Wednesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rusk	<b>Ladysmith</b> - Hwy Shop N4711 Hwy 27	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Charmaine Riddle Rusk County Recycling (715) 532-2167
Tuesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bayfield	<b>City of Washburn</b> – Co. Hwy Garage, 311 South 1st Ave E	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Meagan Quaderer/Michelle Anderson Bayfield County Emergency Management (715) 373-6113
Wednesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashland	<b>City of Ashland</b> - WITC south parking lot 2100 Beaser Ave.	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Lissa Radke Ashland County UW Extension (715) 682-7017
Tuesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Burnett	<b>Siren</b> - Burnett Co. Hwy Shop 8150 St. Rd. 70	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Warren Johnson Northwest Regional Planning Commission (715) 635-2197
Wednesday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Washburn	<b>Minong</b> – Transfer Station Hwy53, W5775 Transfer Dr	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Warren Johnson NWRPC (715) 635-2197
Tuesday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Douglas	<b>Parkland Town Hall</b> – 6221E Veterans Dr.	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Warren Johnson NWRPC (715) 635-2197
Wednesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ashland	<b>Town of La Pointe - MRF</b> 412 Big Bay Rd. (no Rx)*	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Marty Curry Town of La Pointe (715) 747-5715
Tuesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Price	<b>Phillips</b> - County Highway Garage (STH 13). (no Rx)*	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Evan Lund Price County Land Conservation & Zoning (715) 339-2550
Wednesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sawyer	<b>Hayward</b> – Sawyer County Fairgrounds 14655 Co. Hwy B	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ariga Grigoryan/Jessica Kujala Sawyer County UW Extension (715)-634-4839

### CLEANSWEEP WILL ACCEPT

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the above locations and only at designated times. Items will be taken for free from residential properties, with the exception of fees charged for bulbs and batteries. Acceptable items include materials such as, oil-based paints, aerosol spray paints and lubricants, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, household and hazardous cleaners, corrosives, flammables, mercury, lead tackle and shot, old gas, antifreeze, and other chemicals you wouldn't consider dumping. Mercury containing thermostats, switches and thermometers, and lead based paint will also be accepted.

### FEE ITEMS

The items below will be accepted at the collection events for a fee.

- .75¢ per circular bulb (CFL)
- .75¢ per 4' or less tube
- \$1.00 per 4' and longer tube
- \$2.50 per shatter shield tube
- \$4.50 per tanning bed/UV bulb
- \$2.00 per H.I.D. light bulb
- \$2.00 LED bulb any size
- Lithium Ion Batteries \$5.00 lb.
- Lithium Metal Batteries \$6.00 lb.
- All other batteries \$1.00 lb.

### CLEANSWEEP WILL NOT ACCEPT

- Latex Paint
- Empty paint cans
- Oil Filters
- Motor Oil
- Explosives, Flares or Fireworks
- Freon 11 & 12
- Radioactive Materials (including smoke/Co2 alarms)
- Ammunition
- Compressed Gas Cylinders-any size
- Recyclables
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Biological or Infectious Wastes
- Sharps or EpiPen's
- Spray Foam Cylinders
- Incandescent Light Bulbs
- PFAS Containing Items

### WHO CAN ATTEND

Residents from each participating county can utilize any of the cleansweep collection events. However, the Town of La Pointe collection is restricted to town residents only. Proof of residence may be required.

Businesses qualified as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) and Agricultural Producers (farmers/farms) wanting to dispose of chemicals should contact Zach Davis, Veolia Environmental Services at [zach.davis@veolia.com](mailto:zach.davis@veolia.com). Preregistration is required at least two weeks in advance of the event, including a full list of materials and prepayment/authorization. Farmers/Farms may dispose of up to 200 pounds for free.

### UNWANTED Rx MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Residents having expired and unwanted medications may bring items to the events listed above. Please leave pills in packages and containers with labels attached to assist in identification of medications. No sharps or EpiPen's will be accepted.

\* Price County, Taylor County, and the Town of La Pointe will not have an unwanted Rx medication collection event.



May 18, 2021

Dear Wisconsin County Extension Committee Chairs:

Off and Running! We are excited to announce the newly elected members of the Wisconsin Extension Association (WEXA) board of directors met virtually on May 5th. The district directors, two from each of the seven WEXA districts, elected their leadership team. The results are:

President: Colleen Bates WEXA District 2

Vice President: Felesia Martin WEXA District 7

Secretary: Charles Ortman WEXA District 1

WEXA Board Members and Officers will serve a one-year term in order to align WEXA elections with county board elections held every two even numbered years. WCA Executive Director Mark O'Connell congratulated the board and delivered a stirring message of encouragement and support from UW President Tommy Thompson. Mark reaffirmed the former Governor's strong relationship with counties.

As part of the reorganization process, WEXA's administrative needs will be served by the Wisconsin Counties Association at no cost to member counties. Chelsea Fibert has been assigned to serve as the lead WCA staff member and as the WEXA Fiscal Agent. She provided the board with an update on WEXA resources.

In other action, the WEXA Board of Directors adopted the Bylaws and set the Dues Assessment for counties, notably keeping the assessment to member counties unchanged at \$50.00 annually. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. Andy Phillips, WCA General Counsel von Briesen & Roper, S.C. provided guidance and answered questions.

For over a year, county extension staff throughout Wisconsin have met the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic. The pandemic's unrepresented challenges also revealed new organizational opportunities. Although still in the design stage, UW-Madison Division of Extension, Dean Karl Martin, and Assistant Deans Matt Hanson and Catherine Neiswender shared their insights on the 2022 budget impact, a model for future

WEXA Update Letter  
Page 2  
May 18, 2021

staffing to serve new audiences and guidelines for defining the roles within the Extension partnership. Wisconsin counties, with their long history of cooperation will continue to have an active advisory role.

As county extension committees members, thank you for your commitment to and passion for Extension. WEXA is your organization. Use it to share your concerns, your best ideas and learn how research fuels best practices in your county. WEXA lets us speak with one voice as advocates for the Wisconsin Idea.

With Kind Regards,

Colleen Bates  
President WEXA Board of Directors

**Save the Date:** WEXA Board of Directors Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

cc: Wisconsin County Board Chairs  
UW-Madison Division of Extension Area Directors