

April 2025 MRF Report

April has been a big month in terms of goals being accomplished with the MRF. After a long winter of organizing, cleaning, reorganizing, and more cleaning we have finally caught up! Along with being caught up we have also seen the workload decrease at the MRF. There are still tasks to be done which include the processing and crushing of scrap vehicles, but other than that, we will be preparing for a busy summer and keeping the building clean and organized.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, we have completed cleaning up all the loose materials that were around the facility. When it came to the end of the clean-up, we really did leave the best for last. The first of the items located in the old exchange that we waited until the end to deal with where the 1lb propane cans were. These cans are handy and easy to grab for campers and ice fisherman, but they are very difficult and expensive for MRFs to deal with. We did some research on how to dispose of these little green cans and found that some states have created laws that make manufacturers responsible for having a recycling or takeback program, but Wisconsin is not one of these states. We looked at multiple recycling facilities that would take these cans for processing, but the cost would be \$5 per can plus our transportation to get them there. The last option was to process them ourselves and put them into scrap metal, which is what we did.

Micheal and I processed around 2500 1lb propane cans for scrap metal over this past month, which saved the town roughly \$12,500 in charges. For every single can we checked if there was still propane left in them. If there was liquid propane still in the can, we would set them aside since there were some people interested in using the rest of the propane. The ones that had some propane vapor left in them were put into the vape-off table that Ray built over the winter. Once the cans were clear of propane we would puncture a hole into the can. This is the only way a scrap yard would take the can as scrap metal. Once we had a system down, we could process these cans quickly. Now that all the cans have been processed, we have taken measures to reduce the amount that will be coming through our door.

The Town Board has taken our suggestion and increased the rate of the propane cans. We have now raised the disposal rate to \$5 per can. The Big Bay State Park brings in the most propane cans, because they have a recycling bin available for their campers. After a discussion with the State Park, they will be pulling the recycling bins and advising campers to recycle the propane cans back home at their local facility or bring them to their local clean sweeps. This step should hopefully reduce the number of propane cans we will see at the MRF.

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After we completed recycling the propane cans we moved onto the best of the best. Down in the old exchange there were several chemicals that we had no clue what to do with, or how to label them. Since there will be a clean sweep in July (Mark it in your calendars!!! July 23rd will be the clean sweep with Veolia starting around 10AM to around 2PM), and Veolia will take all the materials that we have in stock now, we reached out to Veolia with multiple emails of pictures to get advice on how to handle the chemicals. Colin from Veolia was very responsive and had answers to our questions within a couple of hours. With the information provided, and small hazardous material boxes ordered, we worked at sorting, boxing, and labeling all the chemicals. Currently all the paints and chemicals that were in all the buildings on the property are properly packaged and ready for shipment when we have our clean sweep (If I didn't already say it, July 23rd. It's kind of a big deal).

During the Month of April, we applied for an E-Waste grant with the Wisconsin DNR. After talking with Sarah from the DNR we decided to put in an application. This 80/20 match grant is geared more towards temporary and new permanent collection sites, but because we do collect E-Waste, we do qualify for this grant. In the application we would use the grant money to pay for an upgrade of collection bins, our transportation (this includes labor, ferry, and vehicle at the current DOT rate) costs and disposal costs. With those costs covered we would take E-Waste at no charge to our customers. We want to encourage people to dispose of their electronics responsibly, rather than having them end up in the landfill. Because this grant is for new collection sites, we do not have a great chance of getting it, but it does not hurt throwing our hat in the ring.

It's been 4 months since changing the charge account and discount card system, and so far, it has been successful. We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback from our customers on the new MRF cards and have sold out of the first batch that we ordered back in December. We have ordered another 250 cards for the upcoming summer. We have been adding customers with MRF cards into the Square customer directory, so that if you lose or forget your card, we can look it up. The new charge account system has been working very well, and is much quicker than the old way of billing, saving Town Hall staff time. It took a couple of billing cycles to figure out what information needs to be shared between the Town Hall and MRF. We now have a system in place so that the Accounting Manager and the Treasurer have the information they need at the end of every month.

During the Month of May we are having the Clean Up The Island event. There was no Earth Day event held this year, and the Town Board wanted to get something together. During the month of May, the MRF will be offering free disposal of trash that came from the roads and ditches. If you need trash bags, there will be some available at MRF. If you need a safety vest, we will have some available at MRF to loan out. I know they are stylish, and you'll want to wear them on your next date night, but we do need them back. Hi-Vis is

defiantly my favorite summertime when going out. There are road sign up sheets located at the MRF, Town Hall, the Post Office, and Darlings Grocery. We will do our best to keep them in sync over the next month. Thank you for helping clean up the island!

During the month we also had the usual business being conducted. I did mention that due to being cleaned up we have seen a decrease in workload, but we have started to see an increase in traffic. Compared to the first quarter of the month, we have seen an increase in the number of haul trips off island, and an increase in revenue. We have also been filling out the different reports that the DNR requires to be filled out. We will look forward to May and the warmer weather to come! Did I mention the clean sweep is July 23rd?

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rober Erickson

PS: Clean sweep, July 23rd. Be there

Quick Reminder

Recycling at the MRF

There have been some changes here at the MRF and we wanted to get the word out before the start of summer. The following is how you should presort at home and sort at the MRF.

- **Aluminum:** aluminum beverage cans only. Black or blue barrels. Do not put tin/aluminum foil, wet cat food containers, or any other metal type products in these containers.
- **Tin Cans:** Black or blue barrels. These are for your wet cat food cans, tuna cans, soup/food cans and aluminum/tin foil
- **Scrap metal:** There are two cans located in the sorting area, and a dumpster located by the demolition bin.
- **Glass:** Red rolling cards Please try your best to take to the tops off your glass bottles before recycling
- **Plastics:** Orange barrels with plastic bags inside of them. No need to separate plastics anymore. Any plastic bottle or container can go into any one of the barrels dedicated for plastic.
- **Paper:** There are grey containers along the orange office wall. Please place the following in those containers. magazines, food boxes, drink boxes, non-hardcover books, newspapers, etc.
- **Cardboard:** The blue rolling cards across from the paper.
- **Aerosol cans:** Small white containers under the office window.
- **Batteries:** Alkaline batteries can go into solid waste. All other batteries must be brought to the attention of the working attendant.
- **E-Waste, oils, paints, etc.:** Please consult the working attendant before placing somewhere. We need to keep these items organized. We have found that people are still putting items in the “old exchange” and “the porch” buildings. **All** materials must go into the main MRF building and be brought to the attention of the working attendant
- **There will be a clean sweep on July 23rd, 2025, so please bring your Household Hazardous waste items on that day.**

Financial Information:**April:**

Gross Sales: \$10,179.91

MRF card discounts: \$1,221.50

MRF card sales: \$4,908.00

Total Revenue: \$13,866.41

Fees: (\$178.08)

Net Total: \$13,688.33

Year to Date:

Gross Sales: \$31,794.39

MRF card discounts: (\$3,080.75)

MRF card sales: \$15,160.75

Total Revenue: \$43,874.39

Fees: (\$320.29)

Net Total: \$43,554.10

Outstanding invoices through Square: \$2,342.24

Outstanding MRF card balance: \$6,712.50

Recycling tracking:

See attached spreadsheets for hauling a recycling data

Cardboard bailed: March/YTD: 2,114lbs/8,696lbs

Aluminum bailed: March/YTD: 4,28lbs/1,474lbs

Tin bailed: March/YTD: 0lbs/776lbs

Hauling:

5 loads hauled (42.34 tons) during the month of April. 1 solid waste, 4 Demo

Trucking Tracking Spreadsheet

Date	Vehicle	Material	Employee	Destination	Number of Hours	Equipment Cost	Number of Labor Co	Cost per Tons	Price per ton	Tipping Fees	Recycling Income	Ferry Fees	Fuel	Other Fees	Total Cost of Haul
1/2/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.5	272.16	124.11	5.18	\$ 88.20	\$ 456.88	\$ -	\$ 278.00			\$ (1,131.15)
1/15/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	7.21	\$ 88.20	\$ 635.92	\$ -	\$ 283.00			\$ (1,485.02)
1/17/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	4.5	349.92	159.57	9	\$ 88.20	\$ 793.80	\$ -	\$ 307.00	\$ 154.43		\$ (1,764.72)
1/20/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	4	311.04	141.84	6.03	\$ 88.20	\$ 531.85	\$ -	\$ 291.00			\$ (1,275.73)
1/22/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	7.36	\$ 88.20	\$ 649.15	\$ -	\$ 283.00			\$ (1,498.25)
1/23/2025	Woodstock	Scrap Metal	Micheal Haben	Chicago Iron, Ashland	5.5	427.68	195.03	7.82	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 782.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 171.11		\$ (294.82)
1/28/2025	Woodstock	Cardboard	Micheal Haben	Chicago Iron, Ashland	4	311.04	141.84	8.04	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 643.20	\$ 295.00			\$ (104.68)
2/10/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	4.48	\$ 88.20	\$ 395.14	\$ -	\$ 247.00			\$ (1,208.24)
2/11/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	5.5	427.68	195.03	8.76	\$ 88.20	\$ 772.63	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ 143.59		\$ (1,833.93)
2/12/2025	Woodstock	Paper/Plastic	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	6	466.56	212.76	2.77	\$ 77.09	\$ 213.54	\$ -	\$ 235.00			\$ (1,127.86)
3/11/2025	21	HHW	Evan Erickson	Recycle Technologies, Duluth	4	66.32	148.40			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.00	\$ 74.39	\$ 1,135.84	\$ (1,450.95)
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Copper	Evan Erickson	Chicago Iron, Ashland	1.625	26.94	60.29	0.016	\$ 7,300.00	\$ -	\$ 116.80	\$ 10.35			\$ 19.22
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Batteries	Evan Erickson	Chicago Iron, Ashland	1.625	26.94	60.29	0.544	\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ 174.08	\$ 10.35			\$ 76.50
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Electronics	Evan Erickson	Springfed Salvage, Ashland	3.25	53.89	120.58	0.41995	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 419.95	\$ -	\$ 20.70			\$ (615.11)
3/20/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	6.5	505.44	230.49	6.45	\$ 88.20	\$ 568.89	\$ -		\$ 116.19	\$ 1,231.32	\$ (2,652.33)
3/21/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	4.5	349.92	159.57	8.32	\$ 88.20	\$ 733.82	\$ -	\$ 283.00			\$ (1,526.31)
4/1/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.5	272.16	124.11	8.06	\$ 88.20	\$ 710.89	\$ -	\$ 295.00			\$ (1,402.16)
4/2/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	6	466.56	212.76	10.42	\$ 88.20	\$ 919.04	\$ -	\$ 319.00	\$ 149.07		\$ (2,066.43)
4/10/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.75	291.60	132.98	8.01	\$ 88.20	\$ 706.48	\$ -	\$ 394.00			\$ (1,525.06)
4/14/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.25	252.72	115.25	7.97	\$ 88.20	\$ 702.95	\$ -	\$ 394.00			\$ (1,464.92)
4/22/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Micheal Haben	Republic, Ashland	4	311.04	141.84	7.88	\$ 88.20	\$ 695.02	\$ -	\$ 373.00	\$ 144.66		\$ (1,665.56)
21.00					90.00	\$ 6,356.01	\$ 3,208.62	124.74		\$ 9,905.96	\$ 1,716.08	\$ 4,922.40	\$ 953.44	\$ 2,367.16	\$ (25,997.51)