

SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Meeting Location

301 N. Main St – Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023

Members in Attendance:

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| A David Stimpson (Co Comm) 12/25 | ✓ Kasee Johnson (Health Field) 12/26 |
| ✓ John Tuckerman (At Large) 12/25 | ✓ Dave Pixley (Outlying Community) 12/24 |
| ✓ Greg Elliott (City of Adrian) 12/25 | A Jim Palmer (Twp. Official) 12/24 |
| ✓ Jim May (Solid Waste Industry) 12/26 | A Keeley Pape (Environmental Group) 12/24 |
| ✓ Dan Swallow (City of Tecumseh) 12/26 | |

Also Present: Julie Maurer

Chair John Tuckerman opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

I. Approve Minutes

Motion by Greg E., seconded by Jim M., to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

II. Introduction of new Solid Waste/Materials Management Program Coordinator: Kasee Johnson introduced Julie Maurer, the program coordinator for the Solid Waste Department, which is now part of the health department.

III. Finance Report: J. Maurer reviewed financial report, noting that the addition of her salary is the only major change. *Motion by D. Pixley., seconded by D. Swallow, to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.*

IV. Reports: Monthly reports of the waste hauler tonnage logs, county-wide recycling, and the recycling drop-off site were available for review. D. Swallow complimented G. Elliott and the City of Adrian for their high recycling numbers. J. Maurer shared that some of the haulers had not been reporting in several months, but she has been able to follow up and get updated numbers.

V. Program Coordinator's Report/Materials Management Update

Drop-off site: No closures this month.

2024 Waste Hauler Licensing: Four applications received, reviewed, approved, and mailed out. Sent physical applications to those who didn't respond to e-mail requests.

Outreach:

December planned social media/web posts:

- Social Media Posts
 - o Eco-friendly ways to wrap presents
 - o Reminder to clean out old electronics, clothes, etc. and donate them to a thrift store before Christmas
 - o Reminders of DOS closures for holidays
 - o Reminder to recycle the shipping boxes from holiday shopping
- Blog Posts (links will also be posted on social media)
 - o Low waste holiday gift ideas
 - o Can I recycle wrapping paper?
 - o What to do with your old Christmas tree (both real and fake)
 - o Cardboard recycling tips
- All blog posts will be sent to the local newspapers to run as columns if they have room.
- Future month “themes” include “Resolve to Recycle” campaign in January, and “Recycling Heroes” in February.

Materials Management Planning:

- No news on EGLE Director initiating materials management plans.
- Requirement update: “Municipalities with over 5,000 residents must ensure 90% of their single-family households have curbside recycling service for one or more materials by 2028.”
 - o Madison Township is the only one that meets this resident number but does not provide curbside recycling. In process of setting up a meeting with their public works department to make them aware.
 - o Raisin Township was the other, but they recently implemented curbside recycling.
- “By 2032, counties with less than 100,000 people must have one drop-off recycling center per 10,000 residents who don’t have curbside recycling access. Counties with over 100,000 residents must provide at least one drop-off for every 50,000 residents who don’t have curbside access.”
 - o “Curbside Access” does include subscription services, so I sent a survey to our waste haulers to ask which communities have the option available for them.
 - o Need to determine what counts as a drop-off site – do some of our partners like Goodwill count? What about commercial businesses that accept materials?
- Composting sites: Adrian’s is listed on the EGLE website, but not those in our smaller communities, such as Village of Clinton, Morenci, etc. Plan to investigate barriers to licensing because having these reported numbers will increase our diversion rates.

- VI. RFPs for Recycling Processing and Hauling:** The current contract for recycling processing will end Feb. 29, and hauling is month to month at this time. An RFP will be sent out with responses due Jan. 15. It will include options for either service or a combination of both. Recommendations were made to clarify the language in the draft and also include a history of the amount of loads and their weight.

Motion by G. Elliott, seconded by D. Pixley, to approved posting the RFP once the recommended changes were made. Motion carried.

- VII. Cancellation of Jan. 3, 2024 Meeting:** Due to its closeness to a holiday and the Dec. 19 meeting a few weeks prior, several committee members may not be able to attend the Jan. 3 meeting. J. Maurer suggested cancelling it, but scheduling an additional meeting later in the month if needed for the RFP.

Motion by J. May, seconded by D. Swallow, to cancel the Jan. 3 meeting, with the possibility of rescheduling if needed.

- VIII. Other Business:** Election of 2024 officers. J. Tuckerman nominated D. Pixley as the new chairman. K. Johnson seconded. Motion passed. D. Pixley nominated D. Stimpson as the vice-chair. J. May seconded. Motion passed.

- IX. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

- X. Adjournment**

Motion by D. Swallow, seconded by K. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.