

SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dave Pixley, David Stimpson

K. Johnson, J. Palmer, B. Bollwahn, G. Elliott, D. Swallow, J. May, J. Tuckerman
301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Dave Pixley

Present: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, May, Swallow, Johnson, Pixley, Bollwahn

Also Present: Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, County Administrator Kim Murphy, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Joe Michalec from Goodwill, and Keith Chapman, CEO of SE Michigan Goodwill

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: Solid Waste Committee March 6, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Johnson to Approve. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Bollwahn, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

III. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Solid Waste/Materials Management Finance Report

Julie M. Comments:

*- We spent 23 percent of the annual budget in the first quarter, so we are on track.
- This does not include the new invoices from LRS, but based on the bill for the first half of the month (\$2,600), we anticipate between \$5,200 and \$5,300 for March. This is compared to our average of \$6,300 per month last year (and March 2023 was \$7600).*

B. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs

Julie M. Comments: Monthly haul was 4656 tons and our average monthly in 2023 was 4656 tons.

C. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS) Report

Julie M. Comment: Recycling numbers will look lower than last year because scrap metal numbers are no longer included. However, the DOS collected 25 tons this February compared to 18 tons in February last year.

D. Swallow requested that we ask Stevens to break out info into other townships, especially now that Raisin Township has implemented curbside. Julie M. confirmed she would follow up with Stevens.

D. Program Coordinator's Report

IV. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

1) Update on previous agenda items

Julie M:

- *Met with Zack Smith from Region 2. He anticipates writing both Jackson and Hillsdale's plans. Whether they do a joint or single county plan is up to their BOCs, but he does not believe they will have a vote until the last minute.*
- *The single-county letter that the Lenawee BOC signed was sent to Monroe, Washtenaw, Jackson and Hillsdale County's BOCs. All acknowledged receipt, and we gave them 30 days to respond and request a multi-county plan per the requirements from EGLE. None have responded so far.*
- *By the middle of April, we will have met all the state requirements to file the NOI. However, the consensus among most of the other counties is to wait until closer to the July deadline because the next deadline clock starts once the NOI is filed. Some of the other work can be done ahead of time, such as seating the MMP Committee and starting to write the work plan. Both of those things need to be done before the county can get funding.*

2) MMP Committee

Julie M. shared that she has almost all the positions for the new Materials Management Committee filled except one, and anticipates that getting filled this month. She was pleased to have connected with Jon Gagnon, who is the general manager of the team at Republic Services that monitors the Adrian Landfill site. He has agreed to be on the committee in the "solid waste disposal facility operator" role. We also have Jamie Williams, the Environmental Supervisor at Anderson Chemical, joining us to fill the "business that generates a managed material" role.

Bylaw discussion:

Julie M: Created this bylaw draft from a combination of the solid waste committee's existing bylaws and specific requirements in the Part 115 amendments. She presented them to the committee for discussion and recommendation for changes, or to vote on sending them to the Rules and Appointments Committee for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Swallow to Approve the bylaws of the Materials Management Planning Committee and send them to the Rules and Appointments Committee for approval. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Bollwahn, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Spring Collection Event

Everything is all set for the May 11 event. Julie M. will meet with Becky at the fairground ahead of time to get the lay of the land.

Volunteers are still needed for the day of the event.

V. New Business

A. Budget - Education/Training

Kasee Johnson: A lot of training and conferences have gone back to in-person and with MMP coming there will be more training. The current Solid Waste budget allots nothing for conferences and \$50 for travel. The latter has already been used up just from one regional materials management meeting. She requests a budget amendment to make use some of the funds we are saving from the new hauling contract to move \$1,000 from the hauling budget item into education and travel.

D. Stimpson questioned if this would be enough money, especially with MMP coming up and meetings they may not know about yet. He recommended moving \$1,000 into one fund and \$500 into another (travel and education).

Kim Murphy noted that as long as the department is not changing the bottom line, they can work with administration to make those adjustments internally.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Swallow to Approve moving \$1,500 from another item in the existing budget to travel and education, divided at the department's discretion, through asking for a budget amendment or working with the administration office to handle it internally. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Bollwahn, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Solid Waste Committee Meetings

Julie M: With the advent of the Materials Management Planning Committee, more than half of the SW Committee will be in the new group. Per state law, we are still under the current SW Plan until the new one is written and passed, which means we won't dissolve SW Committee until then. However, the new committee will take over a large portion of the work.

We have a few options:

1) Table all future meetings unless the chair calls for one. SW Coordinator can share all reports with new MMPC and copy the remaining SWC members.

- 2) *Reduce meetings to quarterly.*
- 3) *Continue to meet as usual.*

Committee members decided to carry this agenda item forward to the next meeting, or once the MMPC has formed.

C. Resignation of Jim Palmer

Jim Palmer sent an e-mail resigning from his position on the Solid Waste Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Johnson to accept Mr. Palmer's resignation and to not fill the position on the committee at this time.

Stimpson noted that since the Materials Management Planning Committee is about to form and this committee will not meet as much, the position shouldn't be filled unless they see a need at a later date. Especially because once the new Materials Management Plan is in place, the Solid Waste Committee will dissolve.

Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Bollwahn, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

VI. Public Comment

Commissioner Stimpson explained that there was a new public comment policy approved by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Pixley asked for a synopsis of the new policy from the administration at the next meeting.

Mr. Pixley noted they are still getting bulk trash items dumped on the side of the road in Palmyra, and he is looking into signage. He spoke to someone with Madison, and they were having the same problem in the Trestle Bridge area. He suggested the county consider making signage outlining the new littering laws and making them available to townships.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by May, Second by Johnson to Adjourn. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Bollwahn, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.