

# 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, May 1, 2024

### I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Dave Pixley*

**Present:** Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Pixley, Elliott, Johnson

**Also** Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Solid Waste

**Present:** Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Joe Michalec from Goodwill, Raisin  
Charter Township Supervisor Tom Hawkins, Administrative Coordinator  
Carissa Zubke

### II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 04/03/24

*Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Elliott to Approve the 4/03/24 Meeting Minutes. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Pixley, Elliott, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.*

### III. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Solid Waste/Materials Management Finance Report

*J. Maurer submitted the finance report, noting that YTD expenses were \$29,643.08, or 28 percent of the budget.*

B. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs

*J. Maurer submitted the tonnage logs for waste haulers within Lenawee County. Waste collection numbers were higher than previous months in March.*

C. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS) Report

*J. Maurer submitted the Countywide Recycling and DOS reports for the month and made the following comments:*

- *One major change to the recycling report is that it will now have the percentage of waste diverted to recycling each month. This number will be important in the materials management process.*

- *While it was not on this report, Goodwill submitted their recycling numbers for the first time, and they will be included in the April numbers. This should increase the county's diversion percentage.*
- *The most significant thing to note about the DOS report is that the new contract for hauling and processing. We have already saved about \$2,000 per month when comparing March to February.*

#### D. Program Coordinator's Report

- *Social media:*

*Top posts were -*

- *Recycle your solar eclipse glasses*
- *FAQ Friday – Grocery Bags*
- *Promo for the upcoming spring clean up day*
- *Where does my recycling go once it leaves the DOS?*

- *Media*

1. *Blog posts and media releases – One explaining the basics of MMP process to the public and one on the increase in littering fees.*
  2. *Interview on May 1 for radio spot on the spring cleanup event.*
- *On April 30, Julie attended the Michigan Recycling Coalition's MMP facilitation training for DPAs. She also attended their training session called "Introducing Food Waste into Collection Programs and Operations to Maximize Local Organics Recycling." These were part of the recycling conference in Port Huron.*
  - *Sent out first monthly recycling eNewsletter, and she is currently working on one specifically for municipal leaders on MMP process.*

## IV. Existing Business

#### A. Materials Management Planning Update

*J. Maurer reported that all applications for the new Materials Management Planning Committee members have been turned in, and the appointments are on the agenda for the next Rules and Appointments Committee meeting. She anticipates the new committee will have its first meeting in June.*

*She also reported that she is currently working on the "Work Plan" for the MMP process, which must be approved by the committee and EGLE before we receive any of the new funds allocated for the program.*

#### B. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

*Because of the new MMP Committee, and the fact that many members of the Solid Waste Committee will serve on both - there was a discussion on the frequency needed for the SWC*

*meetings. The committee cannot dissolve until the entire MMP process is complete because the county is under the old solid waste plan until then. J. Maurer noted that if they switched to quarterly meetings, one would need to be held in July to review potential 2025 budget.*

*Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Johnson to move the Solid Waste Committee Meetings to a Quarterly Schedule. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Pixley, Elliott, Johnson. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.*

*D. Pixley noted that the July 3 meeting was too close to the holiday, and directed J. Maurer to find an alternate date for the committee's July meeting. There will be no committee meeting in June.*

**C. Legislative Update on Tipping Fees**

*J. Maurer reported that the proposed tipping fee increase from 36 cents to \$5 that was included in the governor's proposed budget has been tabled for now and the state budget process moved on without it. Legislators noted that there was a larger discussion to be had on the topic at a future date.*

**V. New Business**

**A. Enhanced Public Participation, Conflict of Interest Disclosure, and Code of Ethics Policy**

*The committee's packet included county policy updates, and the administration is requesting signatures on the policies from all committee members. Commissioner Stimpson noted that the Enhanced Public Participation, which will include live recordings of committee meetings, is another step in being as transparent as possible to the public.*

**VI. Public Comment**

*T. Hawkins reported that the curbside recycling program in Raisin Township has been going well and that he hopes to have a recycling center there someday as well. Especially for unique items that cannot be included in regular curbside recycling.*

**VII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Tuckerman to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 AM. Motion Passed.*