

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 8/07/2024

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

Present: *Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, Elliott, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt*

Also Present: *Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrator Kim Murphy, Materials Management Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson, Health Officer Monica Hunt, and BOC Chair Jim Van Doren*

Motion by Williams, Second by Michalec to approve the minutes of the 8/07/24 meeting of the Materials Management Committee. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, Elliott, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Solid Waste/Materials Management Finance Report

In addition to the finance report in the packet, Maurer reported that the department was on track to stay under budget this year and that the proposed 2025 budget is pending approval.

B. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs

Maurer noted that waste hauling numbers were lower in July, probably as a result of higher recycling that month.

C. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS) Report

Maurer shared the DOS report for the month, noting that there were 33.42 tons recycled at the DOS in July. It was the third highest of the year, after January and April. It would have been the highest if not for one contaminated load. It was our first contaminated load of the year.

Countywide Recycling was also high in July, at 18 percent compared to 13 percent in June. The county is at a 15 percent recycling rate for the year so far.

D. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer shared the following report -

Fall Tire Event:

- *Had so many tires we had to call for a second trailer, and the Maurice Spears kids came out a second time to load it for us.*
- *Collected more than 18 tons of tires collected, and more than 125 cars came through!*
- *Received feedback from the city about traffic backing up on the road, will look into sign/traffic options for next year.*

Education and Outreach:

- *Social media:*
Links - Facebook - [Lenawee County Solid Waste / Recycling | Adrian MI | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [Lenawee County \(@lenaweerecycle\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

1. Top posts were:

- *Don't put your old TVs in the trash*
- *Bulk trash information*

- *Media*

- 1. Blog posts and media releases – Sustainable camping, sustainable back to school*
- 2. Did Saturday morning show on WLEN before the tire donation event*

Current Projects:

- 1. Waiting to hear back on the grant to expand into fifth bay at the DOS*
- 2. Dumping at the DOS – letter sent to person who dumped a large amount of cardboard/trash at the DOS*
- 3. DOS weekend coverage – We realized that the weekend contractor contract had not been updated in 10 years. We will be meeting with him soon and start the process of updating it. We also created a weekend call-in line for the DOS complaints since buildings and grounds are off and their on-call line is only for emergencies. In a future contract, we can have the contractor call into it and check for voicemails.*

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer shared a letter from EGLE stating that the template used for the Work Program that the committee approved in August is no longer valid, and they would be putting up a new template soon. The committee will have to approve the work plan again. State law says it has to be done within 180 days of filing the NOI, so the deadline will be by the end of the year.

IV. New Business

A. Goal Setting Overview

Maurer shared the goals that were included in the current solid waste plan that was last updated more than a decade ago. Many of the goals were vague and a lot has changed in the county since then, including the landfill closing which resulted in loss of funding for the program.

She also shared the reminder that when setting goals, the committee should follow the SMART guideline - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound.

B. Waste Diversion Goals

Maurer discussed the current waste diversion goals in the existing Solid Waste Plan, including:

- *The hauler licensing process and the monthly reporting of hauling numbers*
- *The lack of penalty for not getting licensed*
- *The benefit of getting licensed*
- *Waste hauling numbers for the past three years, which range from 54,000-59,000 tons.*

1) Staff Report and Recommendation

Maurer recommends keeping the fees and requirements for haulers the same, but include some language indicating penalties for non-compliance. Comm. Stimpson recommended reaching out to the road commission to see what their requirements for large load haulers were and their penalties for non-compliance. G. Elliott noted the committee should implement a time period before the new MMP goals are in place to allow for more haulers to be licensed and the numbers stabilized. Williams noted the recycling and organics goals should match whatever they set for the overall waste diversion goals. Maurer added that metal scrap collectors might fall under different state regulations and those would also need to be researched.

2) New MMP Waste Diversion Goal

Maurer will conduct the requested research and bring back the information to the committee at the next meeting, along with a basic rough draft of the goals.

C. Recycling Goals

1) Staff Report and Recommendations

Maurer shared that the goal in the current solid waste plan was to increase recycling by 1 percent each year. At the time it was written, there were more recycling drop-off locations in the county, while there is currently only one. However, current recycling is indeed higher because more communities have implemented curbside recycling since then. As per the state law, Lenawee County not only has to set a recycling goal, but must meet the benchmark standard of 1 recycling drop-off site per 10,000 residents who do not have access to curbside recycling. The goal would be accomplished through using state funding, and the program would also grow through education and community awareness, along with partnership with other organizations.

There is no requirement for organizations who collect recyclables to register or report their numbers. The committee noted it would like to explore this, but wanted Maurer to look into the possibility and also the penalties while she is doing this for the waste haulers as well.

2) New MMP Recycling Goals

Maurer will conduct the requested research and bring back the information to the committee at the next meeting, along with a basic rough draft of the goals.

D. Organics Goals

1) Staff Report and Recommendations

There is no current data or measurements taken on organic waste in Lenawee County. Most municipalities collect yard waste, but there is no data on how much. There are no private or public food composting programs that residents could opt into. No measurements on food waste prevention. Most food composting now is done by residents at their homes/farmers. Neighboring cities such as Toledo or Ann Arbor have compost collections, so there are resources we could tap into.

Proposed staff goals include working with residents and organization to start tracking participation in composting/food waste diversion, and increase composting in Lenawee County by a certain percentage each year, as measured by data collection, the percentage of waste diversion that is not recycling, and resident participation reporting.

2) New MMP Organics Goal

Maurer will bring back a rough draft of organic diversion goals to the next meeting.

E. Business for Next Meeting

Maurer summed up that she would bring back as much of the requested information that she could get by the next meeting. She also noted that if EGLE presents the new work plan template, that might be on next month's agenda as well.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Elliott, Second by Commissioner Stimpson to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 AM. Motion Passed.