

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dave Pixley, Jim May

B. Bollwahn, G. Elliott, J. Gagnon, J. Williams, J. Michalec, L. Jones, V. Riddle, D. Stimpson

Chambers

301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Minutes: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 10.02.24

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by Chairman Dave Pixley

Present: Pixley, Elliott, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle (Gagnon arrived at 10:50 a.m.)

Also Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Materials

Present: Management Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Environmental Health
Director Kasee Johnson, Board of Commissioners Chair James Van Doren

Motion by Elliott, Second by Michalec to Approve the Oct. 2, 2024 minutes of the Materials Management Planning Committee. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Elliott, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Solid Waste/Materials Management Finance Report

Program Coordinator Maurer noted that the department continues to operate under budget from the new RFP for the DOS. The only change since the time she printed the report for the packet is that there was a purchase from the educational materials fund for food waste stickers and information sheets.

B. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs

Maurer reported that other than a discrepancy in one of the tonnage logs from LRS (which L. Jones said he would correct), the waste hauling numbers within the county remain consistent.

C. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS) Report

Maurer reported that September was a good month at the DOS, as it was the fourth highest of the year overall, and the second highest in rigid materials collection (plastics, glass, etc.) She noted that the weekend voicemail to report issues was not working, but IT fixed it right away and there was already an incident where someone reported a full container and Maurer was

able to let the contractor know to switch open the other bay at their next visit to the DOS. She also praised the Buildings and Grounds Department for its quick work on making repairs and reopening the DOS within hours of when it went down this month.

D. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer shared education and outreach opportunities this month, including appearing on Toledo 13 news for an article on sustainable Halloween. She also reported that renewal letters for waste hauling licensing went out this week. There was some discussion about Calhoun County's "Recycling Trailer" and the feasibility of a local waste hauler assisting with something similar here.

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer reported that EGLE has been radio silent for the past couple of months, with the exception of a new template for the Materials Management Plan. She reached out to ask them if there was any more information on the work program required, but has not heard back. She anticipates it will be part of their grant package. EGLE will likely give an extension of the 180-day requirement of the work program as we have not received the updated template yet.

B. Update on Information Requested by the Committee

1) Roads Commission on Permit Enforcement

At the committee's request. Maurer reached out to the road commission about its permitting process. They issue a \$100 per year permit for oversize loads. Trucks that exceed the legal limit without a permit are issued a citation. The sheriff's office or the state police are the ones who enforce the law. Garbage trucks do not fall under this regulation.

Chairman Pixely recommend letting all our waste haulers know each year when frost laws are in effect.

2) Licensing Recycling Collectors

Maurer reported that she has reached out to EGLE with the committee's questions about our ability to license and require reporting from local organizations that collect things for recycling. She added that the scrap metal laws were more complicated and the county's attorney would have to consult about whether we could require those haulers to be licensed and report. Johnson added that we could find out where they are reporting their numbers now and request copies. Maurer said she would continue to pursue answers for the committee on this topic.

IV. New Business

A. Waste Diversion Goals

Maurer shared drafts of potential waste diversion goals for the county. There was a discussion about the licensing process, and current enforcement mechanisms for those who do not get licensed. The committee will be working on this piece while writing the Materials Management Plan to help reach one of the proposed goals: measuring the amount of waste generated in Lenawee County as accurately as possible.

B. Recycling Goals

Maurer shared the first draft of recycling goals for the Materials Management Plan. The committee discussed the importance of getting data from places like scrap metal collectors.

C. Organic Waste Goals

Maurer shared proposed goals for organic waste, noting that goal setting was difficult as the county does not have an organics program yet. It is also difficult to measure because often things like composting are done in individual households and not something that can be measured. However, discussion was held about the possibility of public/private food waste collections. Riddle shared that she went to a presentation from the Make Food Not Waste organization and would be happy to connect them with our committee. Jones noted that adjacent larger communities already have food scrap collection services, sometimes through subscription. Maurer noted that the company that does that in Lucas County reached out and is interested in coming into Michigan. She noted she would share the information with the committee.

D. Items for next meeting

At the December meeting we will decide if we want to reschedule the January meeting or cancel it altogether, since the first Wednesday of the month is on New Year's Day.

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Elliott, Second by May to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 AM. Motion Passed.