

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 11/06/24

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

Present: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle

Also Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, County

Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Commissioner Jim Van Doren

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Williams to Approve the 11/06/24 Agenda Minutes. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Approval of updated minutes for 8.07.24 meeting

Maurer noted that the vote approving the work program for the Materials Management Plan was not included in the minutes. She reviewed the video of the meeting and amended the minutes accordingly.

II. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Solid Waste/Materials Management Finance Report

Maurer noted that the program continues to operate under budget for the year, and the committee can expect an annual report at its next meeting.

B. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs

Report presented in packet. Maurer reports that numbers remain consistent, and are trending equal if not slightly higher than last year. She will give an annual report at the next meeting.

C. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS) Report

Report presented in packet. Maurer will give an annual report at the next meeting.

D. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer discussed the report submitted in agenda packet, and added that three waste hauling licenses have been issued for 2025 so far, two renewals and one new application. She also said that she, Johnson, and Hunt met with the weekend DOS contractor to go over the details of the contract, as it has not been updated in 10 years. She noted they would bring the new contract before the Solid Waste Committee in early 2025.

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

EGLE sent an update on Nov. 14 stating that guidance for the work program has not been provided yet, and if people needed more time, they could request an extension. The deadline would be Dec. 30. However, the Michigan Association of Counties met with EGLE and share in its Nov. 8 and Nov. 15 legislative update that no further guidance would be given. In light of conflicting information, and the fact that some counties have submitted the work program already, Maurer submitted the one that the committee approved in August and asked for them to acknowledge receipt. That was on Nov. 21, and she has yet to receive a response.

Commissioner Van Doren said that he and Kim Murphy attend MAC meetings and would bring up this topic in future discussions.

1) Extension Request for Work Program

Maurer noted that the work program has been submitted, however, she asked for the direction of the committee to file for an extension if EGLE rejects it and more time is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by May to Grant the Solid Waste Program Coordinator the authority to request a work program extension if needed. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Follow-Up on Information Requests

Maurer said that the owner of GoZero, the composting company that services Lucas County (Toledo area), will present to the committee at its February meeting and to answer questions about the service.

Maurer also reached out to Waste Not, Want Not out of the Detroit area per Riddle's request, and she will try to schedule the organization to come to present at an upcoming meeting as well.

C. Approval of questions to send to corporate counsel

Maurer said she has narrowed down the questions for corporate counsel that the committee presented and wanted to get approval before forwarding them to the county administrator.

1) If scrap metal collectors are exempt at state level - is there any authority on a local level to

require them to register and report their collection numbers?

2) Can we require those who collect recyclables within Lenawee County to register and report their collection numbers?

Jones wondered if the state does not include scrap metal in its recycling numbers, would our recycling rate count toward meeting our goals if we included it? The consensus of the committee is that more clarification was needed from EGLE on the topic of scrap metal before we forward a question to corporate counsel.

On the recycling question, Commissioner Stimpson noted that the plan should be written in a way to exempt charitable organizations from having to pay a licensing fee, as long as they agree to still report their numbers monthly.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Jones to ask corporate counsel if we can require those who collect recyclables in the county to license and report their numbers. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

D. MMP Goals

Maurer brought forward the proposed Materials Management Plan Goals from the last meeting. She stated because of the slow down on EGLE's end, there is more time if the committee wants to discuss the goals more, or they can approve the goals and can begin the new year researching and discussing implementation strategies. Discussion centered around how the goals could be changed before the final approval of the MMP if needed.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Williams to to approve the MMP goals as presented and reviewed by the committee. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

IV. New Business

A. January Meeting

Since the next meeting would be scheduled for New Year's Day, Maurer suggested that the committee meet on Jan. 8, or cancel for the month since several members will be out of town.

Motion by Williams, Second by Commissioner Stimpson to to cancel the January meeting of the MMPC. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Williams, May, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Business for next meeting

Maurer asked the committee if there was any information they would like her to bring forward to the next meeting. Jones said he would like pricing on the recycling trailers and roll-off covers that Maurer shared in the last meeting.

V. Public Comment

No public comment. Pixley said that there have been reports of hunting happening on Republic Services/Adrian Landfill property. Maurer said she would let Gagnon know since he was absent from this meeting.

VI. Adjournment