

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dave Pixley, Jim May
B. Bollwahn, G. Elliott, J. Gagnon, J. Hurt, J. Williams, J. Michalec, L. Jones, V. Riddle, D. Stimpson
301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 12/04/2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Dave Pixley.

Present: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, 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, David Andre, Lee Andre

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, second by May to approve the minutes of the 12/04/24 meeting of the Materials Management Planning Committee. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Selection of 2025 Committee Chair

Dave Stimpson nominated Dave Pixley to be the 2025 Chairman of the Materials Management Planning Committee. Seeing as there were no other nomination, there was a motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by May to close nominations and select Pixley as chairman. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

C. Selection of 2025 Committee Vice-Chair

Dave Pixley nominated Jim May to serve as vice-chair of the committee, Joe Michalec seconded.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Michalec to close nominations and select Jim May as committee vice-chair. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

D. Accept resignation of Greg Elliott from committee

Adrian City Manager Greg Elliott resigned from his position with the city, and therefore submitted his resignation from both the Solid Waste and Materials Management Planning committees. He recommended Matt Tomaszewski, the City's Engineering Services Director, as his replacement. An application for Tomaszewski has been forwarded to county administration for consideration by the commission to sit on the committees.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by May to accept resignation of Greg Elliott from the committee. Votes in Favor: Pixley, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Jones, Riddle. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Reports

A. 2024 Year-End Wrap-Up

Maurer presented the Countywide Recycling report. In 2024, 9875.61 tons of was collected in Lenawee County. She added that Omnisource stopped reporting their collection numbers in 2024. At the DOS Recycling Center, 369.58 tons of materials in 2024 - changes that contributed to collection include an increase in curbside participation in Adrian, and the implementation of curbside recycling in Raisin Township. In 62,448.62 tons of waste was collected in Lenawee County in 2024.

B. Program Coordinator's Report

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 pet food bags in the recycling, Don't put road salt bags in the recycling, How to dispose of holiday decorations*

- **Media**

1. *Was on WLEN talk points discussing the "Is it really recycled" blog*
2. *Blog posts and media releases –*
 - *Out with the old – where to donate/recycle things after Christmas*

- **Outreach**

1. *Received notice from EGLE and The Recycling Partnership that six of our communities were selected for free mailers/education. For Raisin Township, we did a mailer for their curbside and then stickers for the DOS. Other communities will include Madison, Cambridge, Addison, Tecumseh, and Adrian.*

- **Waste hauler licensing**

1. *All of last year's licensees have now been renewed, with the exception of one that got licensed over the summer with the hope of winning a township contract*

in Lenawee County. They did not win, and currently don't collect within the county.

- 2. One new hauler license – Lamman Brothers out of Ohio.*
- 3. All of the others we sent the application to did not sign up for a license. I am in the process of following up via mail and giving them a month to comply.*
- 4. At a future meeting, the Solid Waste Committee will have to decide if they want to forward the company names to the Sheriff's Office to issue citations.*

Current Projects:

- 1. Reached out to EGLE about the scrap tire grant. Typically, applications are done in November for the following year, but there hasn't been one yet. The representative from EGLE said they were waiting on confirmation of funds. Maurer will continue to share updates as they are available, but we are unable to schedule a scrap tire collection at this time.*

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer shared that EGLE provided feedback on their work program and wants a few more details, which she should have submitted within the next week. She also presented a more detailed pilot outline for organics and expanded recycling services. The committee gave her the direction that starting with co-mingled in outlying communities would be better than the only-cardboard option. The pilot should begin once the grant funding is approved.

1) Grant Email

2) DPA Meeting

At the DPA meeting, many county representatives voiced their concerns about the grant being reimbursement only now. They also noted that EGLE wasn't quick to respond to questions. The next DPA meeting is in February and Maurer will attend.

B. Information Requested by Committee

1) Response from Corporate Counsel

2) Quotes on recycling trailers

Maurer shared that quotes requested by two different recycling trailer companies were in the packet, but that the department would start the pilot with stationary spots until an infrastructure grant could fund the trailer.

IV. New Business

A. Presentation - David Andre - GoZero

David Andre from GoZero and Andre Farms in Ohio gave a presentation about their composting organization.

B. Items for upcoming meetings

V. Public Comment

Lee Andre shared that Raisin Township residents would be good to interview about the learning curve of adding recycling services as they recently implemented curbside recycling.

Dave Pixley talked about illegal dumping on Academy Road in Palmyra and the steps they are taking to clear the area up.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by May to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM. Motion Passed.