

SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dave Pixley, David Stimpson

K. Johnson, J. Palmer, B. Bollwahn, D. Swallow, J. May, J. Tuckerman, M. Tomaszewski

Chambers

301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Minutes: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 02/05/2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 AM by Pixley.

Present: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson, Tomaszewski

Also Present: Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer

Maurer noted that there would be an addition to the agenda - "DOS Repairs" under new business.

Motion by Tuckerman, Second by May to Approve the minutes of the Feb. 5, 2025, Solid Waste Committee Meeting. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer shared that she has put in the application for grant funding from the state for the first phase of the MMP and is awaiting approval.

III. New Business

Maurer shared that one of the cardboard compactors at the DOS was currently down. The initial quote to repair was \$1,200, but it was discovered that the problem was even larger than originally thought. New parts will have to be created as the existing ones are obsolete. Buildings and Grounds is waiting on the contractor for an updated estimate, and no timeframe is available for repairs at this time. The cardboard side of the DOS will have to close sporadically when the remaining compactor gets full until the problem is resolved.

A. DOS Contract

Maurer shared the new contract written for the weekend and holiday coverage at the recycling drop-off sites. Stan Marshall was the only person still interested after the Request for Service process, so he will be awarded the contract. The major difference is the change from a monthly flat rate to a daily flat rate, which would allow the county to pay a back up person if the contractor is out sick or has a planned vacation.

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Tuckerman to Approve the new DOS Weekend and Holiday Coverage Contract. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Scraptire Event

Maurer shared that EGLE will not be approving scraptire grant funds until June, so if the county wants to have a spring event, it would have to pay for it out of its own budget. The numbers from last spring's event were a \$2,157 collection fee from residents, a \$2,830 cost to recycle tires, plus a \$750 donation to Maurice Spears for the kids' help loading the tires. The total tires collected in spring were 1,137. Maurer said that the committee had a few options: to cancel the spring event and wait for one in the fall, to fund the spring event from the existing budget, and whether or not they wanted to increase the fee from \$3 a tire for those who bring them.

Johnson shared that the contractual services account is currently 6 percent under budget for the year so far, so there could be some room to move around funds to cover the event.

Simpson noted that the expenditure is just a small percentage of the department's overall budget. There was a motion by Commissioner Stimpson, second by Swallow to move forward with the spring event with the Solid Waste Department's funds.

Discussion centered on increasing the cost of tire collection for residents. Maurer looked up the fees at Jefferson Township Transfer Station for year-round collection, and it was \$4 without rims and \$8 with rims. Pixley noted that Cobalt accepts both with or without rims, so the county would only have to charge one rate.

There was a motion by Tuckerman, second by May to amend the motion on the table to include an increase in tire collection rate to \$4 per tire. Votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Amendment Passed.

On the amended motion to move forward with the spring event with the Solid Waste Department's funds and charge \$4 each for tires, votes in Favor: Commissioner Stimpson, Tuckerman, Swallow, Pixley, May, Johnson, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed. Maurer noted that the tentative date for the event is May 31.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments. Pixley noted that the county sheriff would be in attendance at the next Materials Management Meeting (May 7) to discuss the enforcement of the MMP.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Tuckerman to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM. Motion Passed.

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