

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

B. Bollwahn, J. Gagnon, J. Hurt, J. Williams, J. Michalec, L. Jones, V. Riddle, D. Stimpson, M. Tomaszewski

MEETING LOCATION

Dave Pixley, Jim May

Chambers

301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 05/07/2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Jim May

Present: Bollwahn, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Hurt

Also Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, County

Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Commissioner Jim Van Doren, Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson, and WLEN reporter Bryan Vish

Motion by Gagnon, Second by Commissioner Stimpson to Approve the minutes of the 5/7/25 MMPC meeting. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Commissioner Stimpson, Gagnon, May, Michalec, Hurt. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Reports - Solid Waste

A. April Recycling and Waste Reports

Maurer presented the waste hauling and recycling reports for the month, noting that waste hauling was down from the previous year despite more companies reporting. This is a sign recycling efforts are moving in the right direction.

B. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer presented her report on education efforts around recycling and food waste prevention in the county. She also shared about her trip to the Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference. Key presentations were a tour of the Kent County MRF, a regional discussion on disposable vapes, a discussion on construction waste, and a panel featuring rural counties. She also shared that the tire collection on May 31 brought in a trailer and a half of tires, and that the state would probably not be funding the program moving forward.

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

The Materials Management Plan grant approval was received and is awaiting Administrator Murphy's signature. During the process, the state provided feedback that we need more sustainable funding options for the program, because state budgets could be variable. Maurer shared that at the conference, the consensus among the rural counties was that for us to meet the requirements of a certain number of recycling sites in the updated law, the state would have to come through with the funding also promised in the law.

B. Siting Guidelines Draft

Maurer presented the key points of siting review procedures to be included in the materials management plan for the committee's review. Jon Gagnon suggested that the wording in the requirement to erect a recycling process center at a landfill be changed to a recycling drop-off site. Another suggestion was to make surcharge agreements at landfills and waste stations negotiable. Gagnon said the surcharge requirements matched the standard in other counties. Maurer will make the required changes and bring the siting review procedures forward at a future meeting for a vote.

C. Enforcements Draft

Maurer shared the proposed steps that would be taken if there was a violation of the new Materials Management Plan. Gagnon noted that the proposal aligned with the committee's discussion on the topic in previous meetings. No changes were suggested. Maurer will bring this portion of the plan forward for a vote at a future meeting.

IV. New Business

There was no new business to bring forward for future meetings. Maurer noted that once the funding clears from the state, she would have an update on launching the pilot program.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stimpson, Second by Gagnon to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 AM. Motion Passed.