

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 06.04.25

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

Present: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski

Also Present: Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, County Administrator Shannon Kim Murphy, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson, Commissioner Jim Van Doren, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt

Motion by Williams, Second by May to Approve the minutes of the June, 4, 2025 Materials Management Planning Committee Meeting. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Recycling and Hauling Reports

Program Coordinator Julie Maurer shared the YTD numbers for recycling in Lenawee County, adding that July was the highest month in two years.

B. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer shared the top educational and social media efforts from the department in the past few months. She also discussed DOS repair costs, illegal dumping, and her reduced schedule.

III. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer shared that the department does have grant approval for 67,000 to spend, however future funding is uncertain despite it being included in MMP laws.

B. 2025/2026 Budget

Maurer shared that the Materials Management Budget has been moved to its own account to help track the grant money, and that the major expenditure this year is to launch the recycling pilot.

C. Composting Pilot Changes

Maurer shared that while the funding for the initial food scrap collection was approved - EGLE representatives made it clear that sustainable funding mechanisms would be needed for the future. Since the MMP requirements are just that we have an organics program, not specifically provide collection services, efforts to increase education would count toward meeting those requirements. The committee consensus was to hold off on the organics pilot for now.

IV. New Business

A. RFP's for Recycling Pilot Program

*Maurer presented the two RFPs received for the recycling program expansion pilot from LRS and Stevens Disposal. (included in packet)
The committee has three options to consider:*

- Recycling dumpster for co-mingled materials (cardboard, paper, plastic, aluminum, glass, etc.) that would be on site 24/7 and serviced twice per week. Pros would be continued access to service for residents, con would be more time for illegal dumping and load contamination.*
- A cardboard-only dumpster that would be on site 24/7 (would have a special lid to make sure no bulk trash is inserted), and serviced once per week. Pros would be special lid to prevent load contamination, and cardboard is a popular item to recycle. Con would be that residents would still have to drive all the way into Adrian to recycle other materials.*
- A larger co-mingled material dumpster that would be on-site for one weekend per month. Pros – More flexibility on location (you could request it be placed at another site the following month if that one was not working out), less time on site means less opportunities for illegal dumping/contamination. Cons- communicating schedule to residents, and they would have to hold onto their recyclables for weeks in between recycling weekends.*

The committee requested Maurer present options to the municipalities under consideration as locations for the pilot to see if they have an opinion since they would be required to deal with any illegal dumping around the dumpsters. The item will be brought forward at the next meeting.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Michalec, Second by Gagnon to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM. Motion Passed.