

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, D. Stimpson, M. Tomaszewski
301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

I. Call to Order

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

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

Also Present: Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, County Administrator Kim Murphy, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Julie Maurer, Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson, Commissioner Jim VanDoren, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, WLEN Reporter Dallas Barringer

A. Selection of Committee Chair

Pixley opened the nominations for the 2026 chair of the committee. Gagnon nominated Pixley, Jones seconded. No other nominations were made and Gagnon moved to close nominations and May seconded.

Motion by Gagnon, Second by Tomaszewski to elect Dave Pixley as the 2026 committee chair. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

B. Selection of Committee Vice-Chair

Pixley nominated May for vice-chair of the committee. Gagnon seconded. Michalec moved to close nomination, Tomaszewski seconded. Motion by Jones, Second by Michalec to elect May as the vice-chair of the committee. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: 10/01/25

Motion by Michalec, Second by Williams to approve the minutes of the 10/01/25 MMP Committee. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

III. Reports - Solid Waste

A. Recycling and Hauling Reports

Maurer presented the 2025 waste hauling and recycling numbers for Lenawee County, noting it was a good year for waste diversion.

- Countywide recycling was 10.2k tons in 2025 compared to 9.8 in 2024. Waste diversion rate was 14.7% compared to 13.96% in 2024.*
- The recycling drop-off site collected more than 376 tons of recyclables in 2025, compared to 369 tons in 2024.*
- Waste Haulers collected 62,413 tons of garbage in the county in 2025, which is down 30 tons from the previous year despite adding two new reporting haulers last year.*

B. Finance Reports

Maurer shared the first expenditures of the MMP Grant, including the Halloween candy wrapper recycling boxes. No reimbursement has been received yet from the state. The general consensus among counties is that the process is more difficult than any other grant and requires excessive paperwork.

C. Program Coordinator's Report

Maurer shared that the drop-off site in Adrian needs repairs, and they are looking to see if grant funds can help cover the costs. The broken heater is the reason the compactor sometimes shuts down during inclement winter weather.

IV. Existing Business

A. Materials Management Planning Update

Maurer shared a letter that the Ottawa and Kent County DPAs will be sending to EGLE on behalf of the entire DPA workgroup expressing frustration with lack of consistent information on the MMP process and the administrative and financial strain of the grant reimbursement process. She added that an additional concern is whether we could get a rough draft approval of our future Materials Management Plan before taking it to our public and municipalities for approval only to have EGLE reject it. This would prevent the administrative burden of having to repeat the process.

B. Halloween Candy Recycling Program

Maurer reported that candy wrapper boxes were distributed to Blissfield, Britton, Lenawee, Tecumseh libraries and one at the LISD tech center. About 2.5 boxes were filled and the empty ones can be reused next year.

C. Recycling Expansion Pilot Update

Maurer reported that the recycling pilot has begun in Onsted, Blissfield, and Hudson. The project has been utilized by each community, with all bins full or almost full at pickup. There have been some instances of people illegally dumping, not breaking down boxes, or placing

recyclables on the ground if the bins are full. Education campaigns will continue in an attempt to prevent this.

V. New Business

A. 2026 MMP Goals and Timeline

Maurer noted that writing on the MMP will begin in April and the first draft should be ready for the committee by July's meeting.

B. RFP for Consultant

The RFP for the consultant on the data-heavy aspects of the MMP will go out this month.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment

VII. Adjournment

Motion by May, Second by Tomaszewski to Adjourn. Votes in Favor: Bollwahn, Pixley, Gagnon, Williams, May, Michalec, Jones, Hurt, Tomaszewski. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.