



## Mid Michigan Waste Authority Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

9:30 am – February 12, 2018

Thomas Twp Public Safety Building – 8215 Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

The following are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, February 12, 2018, at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, Saginaw, Michigan, pursuant to written notice served on the members of the Authority and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

### I. Welcome and Public Comment

Chair Grunwell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Public comment solicited – no public in attendance.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Member Attendance Roll

25 present – quorum achieved

#### Members Present

Bethany Twp/C. Morris		Lakefield Twp/D. Rohn
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Maple Grove Twp/C. Bishop
Brady Twp/D. Cook	alt	Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Bridgeport Twp/T. Bennett	alt	City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Chapin Twp/ B. Radabaugh		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Chesaning Twp/F. Kukulis		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
James Twp/E. Hak		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits		City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel
Kochville Twp/J. Loiacano		

#### Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Carrollton Twp/M. Weaver
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Buena Vista Twp/W. Butler		

### Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; C. Somers/Community Engagement Officer;  
K. Guinn/Customer Service Representative; no public or guests in attendance.

### IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

#### **A. Approve Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 11, 2017, Annual Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Kochville Twp/Loiacano, to approve the December 11, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.*

*Passed unanimously*

#### **V. Organizational/Administrative Items: Information &/or Approval**

##### **A. 2017 Year End**

Tessin shared that at the end of 2017, MMWA was at 88% of its projected budget. Of that money, 96% was spent on solid waste collection and disposal. At year end, administrative costs were at 62% of budget and programming costs were at 30%.

##### **B. Other – HB 5573**

Tessin noted that Governor Snyder has proposed an increase in the state surcharge on landfilled waste (tipping fees). There is no final bill yet, as the measure would have to pass in the legislature. MMWA staff are keeping an eye on this issue – Tessin will be attending a regional solid waste roundtable meeting focused on this issue next month.

#### **VI. Program Items: Information &/or Approval**

##### **A. CRRC/Special Waste Drop Off Days Schedule Approval**

An overview of the 2018 Special Waste Drop-off Schedule was shared, with Tessin noting that that this year's programming will include a foam recycling pilot. Residents may bring foam to MMWA on the document shredding days scheduled in May and September. The MMWA Executive Committee has recommended that the board approve the 2018 Special Waste Drop-off Schedule.

*Motion by Jonesfield Twp/Tibbits, seconded by Brady Twp/Cook, to approve the 2018 Special Waste Drop Off Schedule.*

*Passed unanimously*

##### **B. Community Engagement Officer Report**

Somers gave a presentation on the upcoming Curbside Education Pilot, which is partly funded through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Recycling Education Grant that MMWA received last year. The pilot will launch on April 16 in parts of eight MMWA member communities. Recycling drivers in those areas will be using two new education tags – a "Gold Medal" tag when the resident is recycling the correct items and the bin or can is properly prepared and an "Oops!" tag when they observe plastic bags, foam, or greasy pizza boxes in recycling containers. Somers shared draft versions of the education stickers and will make one change to the designs based on group discussion. The pilot will run through July 27.

MMWA's Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Saginaw Children's Zoo from 10 am to 2 pm. The first 400 people who bring a recyclable plastic container will be admitted for free. Thanks to changes in sponsorship levels, most of the expenses for this event will be covered through financial contributions by MMWA vendors.

The third annual Holiday Light Recycling Drive collected more than two tons of unwanted holiday lights and earned \$465 for the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

#### **VII. Closed Session – None needed.**

## VIII. Other

### A. Member/Staff Other

1. St. Charles Twp/Sargent – Noted that diesel fuel prices have been increasing locally and expressed concern that the collection contract fuel supplement may be triggered. Tessin clarified that USEIA pricing data is used. He also suggested that the current fuel supplement set point of \$3.15 should increase with the rate of inflation in future collection contracts.

**B. Next Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:30 am, Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ MMWA

**C. Next Board Meeting:** 9:30 am, Monday, April 9, 2018 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

## IX. Adjourn

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Bethany Twp/Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am.*

*Passed unanimously*

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director \_\_\_\_\_