



Mid Michigan Waste Authority Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

9:30 am – September 27, 2018
MMWA Office – 2063 S Miller Rd/James Twp

Following are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the Mid Michigan Waste Authority office, James Twp, 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 9:32 am. Public comment solicited – no public in attendance.

II. Member Attendance Roll

6 present – quorum achieved

Members Present

Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits		Saginaw Twp/S. Grunwell

Members Absent

Thomas Twp/R. Taylor		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
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Staff / Guests / Public

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

III. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 21, 2018, MMWA Executive Committee meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

Motion by Jonesfield Twp/Tibbits, seconded by Richland Twp/Reno, to approve the May 21, 2018, meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously

IV. Financial Information Review and/or Approval

A. Proposed 2019 Solid Waste Services Estimates

Draft 2019 Solid Waste Services estimates were provided in the meeting packet. Revised estimates were distributed which used the \$180.00/ton threshold for recyclables processing costs reflecting portions of the proposal sent by Republic Services the evening of September 26, 2018. Draft Solid Waste Service Estimates will be included in the October 8, 2018, Board meeting packet.

B. Review of Banking Proposals

Tessin has been working with representatives from 1st State Bank and Isabella Bank to determine

which institution is a better fit for the Authority's needs. Tessin explained that Isabella Bank offers better interest rates and customer service.

Motion by Village of Birch Run/Moore, seconded by Richland Twp/Reno, to recommend to the MMWA Board of Trustees that MMWA accounts be moved to Isabella Bank.

Passed unanimously

C. 2018 YTD Financials

MMWA's 2018 YTD financials are as expected.

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

A. 2019 Recyclables Processing

Tessin updated members on the current status of the 2019 recyclables processing contract extension with Republic Services. The contract proposes a substantial increase to the processing cost/ton threshold from \$125/ton to \$180/ton and new language that allows for additional increases to the threshold with 30 days' written notice for any reason. Tessin noted that MMWA members are obligated to pay for recyclables collection through at least 2019 based on the collection contract with Waste Management. There is a provision in the contract that allows member communities to discontinue recycling collection in 2017 and 2020. Tessin has been working the Authority's attorney on a response to Republic, and will seek a proposal from Waste Management for recyclables processing for one year.

Tessin reported that the Waste Management Recycle America public recycling drop-off center is closing as of December 1, 2018, due to costs and contamination.

B. FOIA Policy

Tessin has been working with MMWA's attorney on a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy that was included with the meeting packet. Once approved, it will be posted on the MMWA website.

Motion by Brant Twp/Cooper, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to approve the presented Freedom of Information Act policy.

Passed unanimously

VI. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

A. 2018 Special Waste Update

Tessin gave an overview of the 2018 household special waste drop-off season, which included 18 events May through September. A total of 2,585 cars participated, representing residents from all 34 communities. About 120,000 pounds of hazardous waste and paint were collected via the first 17 events, but MMWA is waiting on final numbers for the last event on September 27. There was an increase in donations this year.

Tessin said that the September 27 event was extremely busy, with some cars turned away because the vendor had reached capacity. Based on the turnout and volume at that event, Tessin is proposing that fewer events are scheduled next year, but they will all be All-in-One events, accepting paint, hazardous waste, and electronics, with no standalone events. MMWA events can no longer accept medications.

Somers noted that the polystyrene foam recycling pilot was very well-received, with good attendance for the two events that were held in conjunction with document shredding.

B. Report from MMWA Community Engagement Officer

Somers said the holiday light recycling drive will be held from November 15, 2018, to January 15, 2019. Digital and hard copy promotional materials will be distributed to all member communities. The curbside recycling education pilot wrapped up on July 27 after 15 weeks, with about 2700 stickers distributed. The project generated some very positive data about the impact of targeted education on reducing recycling container contamination. A full report will be shared at the Authority's annual meeting on December 10.

VII. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

Tessin noted that the Executive Committee member and officer slate for 2019 will be presented and approved at the MMWA Annual Meeting on December 10. There is one vacancy on the Executive Committee, and a treasurer needs to be appointed. One trustee has offered to serve on the committee if there is no other interest.

B. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am, Monday, October 8, 2018 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

C. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, November 29, 2018 @ MMWA

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Jonesfield Twp/Tibbits, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 am.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____