



## Mid Michigan Waste Authority Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

9:30 am – December 10, 2018

Andersen Enrichment Center – 120 Ezra Rust Ave/City of Saginaw

The following are the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, December 10, 2018, at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 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 9:36 am. Public comment solicited – no public comment.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Member Attendance Roll

25 present – quorum achieved

#### Members Present

Bethany Twp/C. Morris		Kochville Twp/J. Loiacano
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Lakefield Twp/D. Rohn
Birch Run Twp/C. Trinklein alt		Maple Grove Twp/C. Bishop
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Brady Twp/D. Cook alt		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Bridgeport Twp/R. Licht		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Chesaning Twp/F. Kukulis		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
James Twp/G. Hakes alt		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits		

#### Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		

#### Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; C. Somers/Community Engagement Officer; K. Guinn/Customer Service Representative II; M. Johnson/Customer Service Representative; Guests/Public: Tracy Bennett/Bridgeport Twp Alternate; Ken Hornak/Chesaning Twp Alternate; Beth London/City of Saginaw Alternate; Steve London/Kochville Twp Manager; Chris Klawuhn/Saginaw County Health Department Environmental Health Services Director; Jerry Maxson, Saginaw County Health Department Environmental Health Specialist II; Brian Stark/Saginaw County Planning Commission Planning Director; Phil Grimaldi/Saginaw County Planning Commission Transportation Planner; Jill Reynolds/Waste

Management Public Sector Representative; Joe Weiss/Waste Management District Manager; Shawn Charboneau/Waste Management Route Manager; David Dubey/Waste Management Route Manager. Tessin introduced each guest and provided a brief description of his/her role.

#### **IV. Review Minutes and Other Information**

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

The minutes of the October 29, 2018, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to approve the October 29, 2018, meeting minutes as presented.*

*Passed unanimously*

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

##### **A. 2019 Officer, Executive Committee Slate – Election**

Chair Grunwell shared the proposed MMWA Executive Committee Slate, noting that Tim Hildner of Frankenmuth Township will be the new member of the Executive Committee.

*Motion by Brant Twp/Cooper, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the Executive Committee Slate as presented.*

*Passed unanimously*

##### **B. 2019 Meeting Schedule**

The 2019 MMWA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee meeting schedule was provided in the meeting packet.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Kukulis, to approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule.*

*Passed unanimously*

##### **C. 2019 Special Waste Schedule**

Tessin provided an overview of the proposed 2019 Household Special Waste Drop-off collection schedule. She has drafted a schedule that includes eight All-in-One drop-off days for the collection of paint, electronics, and hazardous waste, and two days for polystyrene foam recycling and document shredding.

*Motion by Village of Birch Run/Moore, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve 2019 Special Waste Schedule.*

*Passed unanimously*

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

##### **A. MMWA 2018 Year End Review**

J. Weiss from Waste Management (WM) spoke about the nationwide driver shortage and efforts WM is making in retaining current staff and attracting new personnel. Tessin presented a summary of MMWA operations and programming throughout 2018. Year-to-date financials are under budget, at 78% of projected figures. She shared an overview of MMWA website and Facebook statistics, highlighting the most popular web searches and Facebook posts, which indicate that residents have a strong interest in obtaining information about MMWA's household special waste program. The 2018 program included 18 events, with 2,794 cars taking part, with representation from all 34 MMWA member communities. More than 322,000 pounds of problem wastes, including hazardous waste, paint, and electronics, were

diverted from the landfill. Tessin outlined some changes to the 2019 HSW program, noting that it will move to an appointment format.

In 2019, MMWA member communities will need to determine what their residents are willing to pay to take part in a curbside recycling program. Recycling programs across the country are responding to the current recyclables commodities market challenges in different ways – costs are increasing, contracts are being renegotiated, some programs are ending, and others are issuing fines for improper recycling behavior. There have always been fluctuations in the price and demand for recycled commodities, so careful consideration must be given before making a long-term decision about what could be a short-term crisis.

Education and outreach campaigns have helped increase recycling participation, and now they must shift focus to re-educating recyclers to combat contamination. All recyclers need to better understand that recyclables are raw materials that are sold to be used as a feedstock into new products. Those materials need to be clean and uncontaminated.

Tessin reported that data from MMWA's curbside education pilot, partially funded by a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recycling education grant, demonstrated the value of targeted education efforts. In all eight participating communities, recycling behavior improved among residents who had received curbside education stickers due to recycling bin contamination.

## VII. Closed Session – None needed.

## VIII. Other

### A. Member/Staff Other

**1. Chesaning Twp/Hornak** – Asked what the government is doing regarding recycling issue. Tessin stated that at the state level there is a proposed piece of legislation that would increase tipping fees and use some of the funding toward education and outreach.

**2. Brant Twp/Cooper** – Suggested members write their representative regarding County and State responses to current recycling conditions.

**3. Brady Twp/Cook** – Asked if we have numbers or a percentage of those who actually recycle. Tessin explained participation varies across communities, and a community would have to conduct a participation study to accurately measure participation. Overall, MMWA generates 500 tons of recycling per month.

**B. Next Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:30 am, Thursday, January 24, 2019 @ MMWA

**C. Next Board Meeting:** 9:30 am, Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

## IX. Adjourn

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by City of Saginaw/Karwat, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 am.*

*Passed unanimously*

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