



Mid Michigan Waste Authority Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

9:30 am – March 24, 2022

Thomas Twp Public Safety Building 8215 Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

Following are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the Thomas Twp 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 Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Public comment solicited.

II. Member Attendance Roll

Seven Trustees present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
City of Saginaw/P. Karwat		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham		

Members Absent

Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Village of Birch Run/P. Moore
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Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; A. Kruse/Priority Waste, T. Stamper/Priority Waste, D. Venet/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/WM, J. Weiss/WM, DJ. Bourdow/GFL, R. Davis/Davis Burket Savage Listman

III. Public Comment

- A. WM/J. Weiss thanked MMWA for being a trusted partner over the last 30 years. Weiss emphasized that while other vendors can perform the basics of collection services WM offers a high level of account knowledge and the best and most reliable customer service.
- B. Priority Waste/D. Venet thanked MMWA for its time. Venet noted that Priority Waste offers the lowest prices and can promise they will never quit. He acknowledged concerns as Priority Waste is a young company and offered its recent contract with the City Flint as an example of what Priority Waste can do. Venet stated he is confident with its financial backers and partnerships Priority Waste would be able to successfully manage the contract.
- C. GFL/DJ. Bourdow thanked MMWA for its time. He noted GFL purchased Billy's a longtime local vendor familiar with the area. He stated GFL has transitioned many communities around Saginaw County and have the ability to handle all of the Authority's needs with a local touch.

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

- A. Approve January 27, 2022, regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve January 27, 2022, meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

- B. Approve February 17, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Saginaw Twp/Gotham to approve February 17, 2022, meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

- C. Approve March 14, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by City of Saginaw/Karwat to approve March 14, 2022, meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

V. Financial Information Review and/or Approval

- A. Fiscal 2022 YTD Financials.

Tessin advised that MMWA has YTD numbers through January and just completed the February billing. Tessin reported YTD numbers are on track and the landfill tonnage continues to be robust. She advised members the collection fuel supplement has been applied for both January and February at around \$8,000 for each month. Tessin also noted the YTD Administration number looks higher than usual due to the purchase of the copy machine and the three pay periods in January.

Motion by Saginaw Twp/Gotham, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve Fiscal 2022 YTD Financials.

Passed unanimously

VI. Organizational Administrative Items: Information and/or Approval

- A. RFP Update

Taylor recapped that he, Karwat, Gotham, Tessin, Thayer and Davis met with WM and GFL separately regarding pricing and various aspects of their proposals. Taylor advised the intent is to meet with Priority Waste the week of April 4th noting concerns remain regarding its lack of experience. Taylor noted the vendor selection criteria includes pricing, customer service, financial stability, ability to deliver required equipment and personnel and other intangibles.

Tessin advised MMWA needs numbers from Priority Waste for recyclables processing for the City of Saginaw.

Smith stated that she has had discussions about carts collection and the City of Frankenmuth has determined it will stay with manual collection noting it's a \$30-40 swing depending on which vendor the Authority chooses.

Taylor stated he did some surveys amongst some of his community members and most are good with carts. Taylor also stated that there is a substantial pricing difference for outlying communities and the Executive Committee is trying to navigate that and are doing its best to be transparent.

Tessin noted the interviews with WM and GFL went very well and provided additional clarity with both

WM and GFL stating each is willing to negotiate on every point.

The Committee agreed to postpone the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting set for Monday, April 11, 2022, to a date to be determined. The Executive Committee will hold a special call meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:30 am to continue it's review.

VII. Program Items: Information and/or Approval

A. MMWA's 2022 Special Waste Drop Off Program

Thayer informed the group that with minimal advertising 173 residents have already registered. Fliers are being printed and a mailing to member communities, churches and various organizations will be sent on Friday, April 1, 2022. Tessin advised the group the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department will be onsite again to help with flow of traffic. Taylor suggested a possible donation to the Sheriff's Posse as a thank you for their participation.

VIII. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Special Call Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building.
- B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building.
- C. Next Board Meeting: TBD @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by City of Saginaw/Karwat, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____