



Mid Michigan Waste Authority Special Call Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1:00 pm – April 26, 2022

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

Following are the minutes of the Special Call meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Thomas Twp Public Safety Building, Thomas 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 Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Public comment solicited – No comment.

II. Member Attendance Roll

7 present – quorum achieved

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
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Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; M. Bevelhymer/GFL, B. Holloway/Priority Waste, A. Kruse/Priority Waste, D. Venet/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/WM, D. Reams/WM, R. Davis/Davis Burket Savage Listman Taylor

III. Public Comment:

No public comment.

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve April 14, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee meeting minutes

Tessin noted that Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva needed to be added to the members present. Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham noted the word month was spelled incorrectly.

Motion by Brant Twp/Cooper, seconded by City of Zilwaukee/Bourbina to approve the April 14, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended.

Passed unanimously

B. Approve April 14, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee Closed Session meeting minutes

Motion by Saginaw Twp/Gotham, seconded by City of Zilwaukee/Bourbina to approve the April 14, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee Closed Session meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

C. Review RFP Submissions

Tessin explained that she had narrowed the multiple pricing proposals submitted in the RFP's down to one pricing option each for GFL, Priority Waste and WM. She then reviewed the MMWA Comparison by

Zones spreadsheets included in the meeting packet.

GFL's manual pricing for all zones was best across the Authority although in the tiered pricing proposal tier one was best for the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Twp. GFL Manual means the cost of trash, recycling and yard waste collection and the cost of disposal, processing and composting are separate. Because the costs of disposal, processing and composting are separate, meaning in addition to the cost of collection, they will be based on the actual volume generated and will vary by month. Tessin explained that her calculations are based on 1.0 tons per household for trash, 0.2 tons for recycling and 0.9 cubic yards for yard waste.

WM priced its carted service to be more attractive than manual service and EOW recycling to be more attractive than weekly recycling. WM Carts All In means carted collection for trash and recycling, manual collection for yard waste with the cost of disposal, processing and composting included in the unit price. There will be no monthly variation based on actual amounts generated for any waste stream.

Priority Waste priced its Manual All In proposal to be the most attractive. Priority Waste Manual All In means that the cost of trash collection and disposal together are one price. The cost of recycling collection and processing together are one price. There are no monthly variations based on actual volume generated for trash and recycling. The cost of yard waste composting is in addition to the cost of yard waste collection and will vary each month based on the actual volume generated. Tessin used TDE's proposed composting rate of \$8.50 per cubic yard in her estimates. Hildner asked if Priority Waste had cart prices. Tessin advised yes at an additional \$36/unit.

Taylor asked about GFL's tiered pricing proposal compared to WM Carts All In and Priority Waste Manual All In pricing. Tessin explained that she had performed that comparison and GFL's tiered pricing was the lowest for Saginaw Twp by a small margin, the City of Saginaw (the City of Saginaw collects its own recycling and yard waste) and for approximately 4100 homes in Zone Four.

Tessin advised that for some communities the proposed Priority Waste Manual All In pricing for each of the ten years is less than the current solid waste services estimate for 2022. Some examples included were Swan Creek Twp and Frankenmuth Twp.

Tessin moved on to the companion piece noting that the Executive Committee directed her to follow up on specific questions with the vendors. She confirmed, again, with GFL that they intended to make manual pricing more attractive and within manual pricing make tier one most attractive. To be consistent Tessin also confirmed pricing with WM and Priority Waste. WM noted one calculation that needed to be revised.

WM has agreed to remove the fuel surcharge and subsidize the annual cost of the internet at the Miller Rd facility at \$7,200 a year. The 2022 price structure with WM would remain in place until the roll out of carts in approximately 12-18 months. WM confirmed for any carted community that went over the 20% threshold for returns to manual service they would review each situation on a case-by-case basis and operate in good faith.

Tessin reviewed the positives and concerns for each vendor detailed in the companion piece. She advised the committee that Priority Waste included a fuel surcharge in its proposal to the City of Flushing that set the threshold at \$3.50 a gallon with the City paying \$0.09 of every \$0.10 over the threshold or 90%. Tessin noted that the City of Flushing has less than 4,000 households in an area much more concentrated than many parts of the Authority.

Tessin closed by noting the Authority is choosing its solid waste partner for the next five to ten years and asking what that looks like; is it simply getting the garbage picked up or a partnership with an organization that has the resources to improve recycling and possibly add food waste.

Taylor stated that while no vendor has been eliminated, at this point the committee should narrow its focus to two or just one. He summarized that if the decision was strictly based on cost, Priority Waste has the lowest price proposal while concerns remain about the newness of the company and its ability to deliver especially at the proposed pricing structure. Members discussed the possibility of WM and Priority Waste making a joint proposal and/or each municipality being able to select between the two vendors. Gotham questioned how various provisions would be implemented, such as provision of office space/stipend if there are two vendors. Taylor recognized that time is becoming an issue and suggested a small group meet again with WM and Priority Waste.

Smith stated that the City of Frankenmuth has had multiple conversations at the Board level and their concerns are the same as the committee's. She advised that if the City of Frankenmuth selected Priority Waste, they would favor a five-year agreement versus a ten-year agreement. Karwat stated he is drafting information for review by the City of Saginaw City Council which will be making the decision for the City on the next vendor.

Members made various observations including that what is best for one particular municipality may not be best for every other member, the appeal of GFL's pricing for smaller communities in Zones Four and Five, pricing from Priority Waste is lower for the Authority as a whole, the lower cost of EOW recycling for cart service is appealing, concerns that options from two vendors would impact the proposals from each individual vendor, and that each of the proposals has very good pricing set much lower than if a community had to contract for service on its own.

Tessin summarized: WM has been a solid partner to the Authority since 1995 and has a good proposal including transitioning to CNG trucks, GFL showed early enthusiasm while ultimately its pricing was not as competitive as initially implied, and while Priority Waste may not have significant legacy or infrastructure costs they are priced quite low and may encounter difficulties due to the volatility of diesel fuel costs.

Members agreed that Taylor, Karwat, Gotham and Hildner along with Tessin and Thayer would meet with Priority Waste and WM by the end of the week.

V. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Bldg.
- B. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am, Monday, June 13, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner, seconded by Brant Twp/Cooper, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____