



Mid Michigan Waste Authority Special Call Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1:00 pm – May 10, 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, May 10, 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

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

II. Member Attendance Roll

6 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 Saginaw/P. Karwat		

Members Absent

Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva		

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; S. Charboneau/WM, D. Reams/WM, J. Reynolds/WM, J. Weiss/WM, M. Bevelhymmer/GFL, D.J. Bourdow/GFL, R. Davis/Davis Burket Savage Listman Taylor

III. Public Comment:

Public comment solicited – No comment.

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve April 26, 2022, Special Call Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by City of Saginaw/Karwat, seconded by Saginaw Twp/Gotham to approve the April 26, 2022, special call meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

B. Review RFP Submissions

Tessin advised that Taylor, Hildner, Karwat, Gotham, Tessin and Thayer met for a third round of interviews with Priority Waste and WM on Friday, April 29, 2022. Tessin wanted to give each vendor an equal opportunity to detail some operational specifics, so each were asked a series of questions such as how they double side, what happens if a driver runs into a mailbox, etc. Priority Waste Stamper advised a stipend for MMWA office space would be available and that the recycling profit sharing formula would stand as submitted. The group requested additional information about Priority Waste's communication systems and current contracts with associated contacts. Taylor asked Priority Waste for a transition

timeline plan which was provided and included in the meeting packet. Tessin advised the group that Thayer had FOIA' d multiple communities that Priority Waste services. WM had prepared tiered pricing set at 21,000, 31,000 and 68,000 households.

Taylor noted that at this point the Executive Committee has asked every question it could ask. The group needs to agree on a recommendation for the Board of Trustees either during the meeting or at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for May 19th, 2022. The focus is narrowing to taking a chance on a new company with a lower price proposal or staying with the known WM and its solid proposal.

Karwat stated he has provided information to the City of Saginaw Manager which will then go to the City of Saginaw City Council which will make the final decision. Karwat hopes to have an update on the 19th. Gotham stated that Saginaw Twp is in line with Thomas Twp on carts and will likely change to EOW recycling. Cooper stated that Brant Twp is still deciding and she does like carts. Cooper asked if Priority Waste offered carts, Tessin advised yes for an additional \$36/unit. Brant Twp has a meeting tonight at 7 pm, Tessin will go to the meeting to answer any questions. Hildner stated based just on the pricing proposal he would recommend Priority Waste manual. Frankenmuth Twp has a meeting on Monday, May 16th. Tessin will attend that meeting. Tessin said she spoke with Bourbina. Bourbina has been keeping her Board up to date and the City of Zilwaukee likes carts. Metiva is leaning towards carts, but Tittabawassee Twp is not decided. Smith states the City of Frankenmuth is all in for manual. Tessin stated she has been emailing with the Village of Merrill and they have been asking questions specific to carts.

Taylor summarized that the recommendation to the Board may be for two vendors with each municipality selecting between those two providers. Once the recommendation is finalized, an information packet would be prepared for members detailing the evaluation process and recommendation with Tessin and Thayer then following up individually with each community in advance of the June Board of Trustees' meeting. Members would be advised that WM provided tiered pricing and the Priority Waste will likely revise its pricing based on the number of households selecting its services. Tessin will send an email to Priority Waste to try to get some estimates.

Karwat asked about office space and how elements of the RFP like the office space stipend would be implemented with two vendors. Taylor said once we get decisions from the general membership MMWA would then refine specifics with the vendors. Gotham highlighted the opportunity to adjust some zone assignments such as moving the City of Zilwaukee to Zone One. It was also noted that having tiered pricing from Priority Waste like WM had provided would be more helpful. Tessin advised whoever went with Priority Waste there would be a third agreement with TDE as WM pricing is all in for composting.

Taylor specified the Executive Committee should come prepared to the meeting on May 19th to approve a recommendation to the Board of one or two vendors.

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 Saginaw Twp/Gotham, seconded by Cit of Saginaw/Karwat, to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 pm.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____