



**Mid Michigan Waste Authority**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**9:30 am – April 10, 2023**  
**Thomas Twp Public Safety Building – 8215 Shields Dr/Thomas Twp**

The following are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Thomas Township 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. Call to Order**

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **III. Member Attendance Roll**

27 present – Quorum Achieved

### **Members Present**

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		James Twp/G. Hakes	Alt
Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Kochville Twp/S. King	Alt
Birch Run Village/P. Moore		Maple Grove Twp/D. Drexler	Alt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny	
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham	
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters	
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue	
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman	
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden	
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor	
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva	
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde	
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina	
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair			

### **Members Absent**

Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Marion Twp/S. Goschka	
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Richland Twp/R. Grose	
Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat	
Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt			

### **Staff / Guests / Public**

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; S. Charboneau/WM; D. Reams/WM, J. Weiss/WM; J. Reynolds/WM; G. Hicks/Priority Waste, A. Kruse/Priority Waste; M. Long/Priority Waste

## **IV. Public Comment**

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

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

A. Approve revised December 12, 2022, Annual Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Blumfield Twp/Huber, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the December 12, 2022, MMWA Board of Trustees revised meeting minutes.*

*Passed unanimously.*

A. Approve February 13, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Blumfield Twp/Huber, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the February 13, 2023, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting minutes as presented.*

*Passed unanimously.*

## VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2023 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reviewed the spreadsheet included in the meeting packet noting the format has been adjusted to align with the new contracts. YTD MMWA is exactly on track.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Brant Twp/Cooper to approve the 2023 YTD Financials as presented.*

*Passed unanimously.*

## VII. Organizational/Administrative Items: Information &/or Approval

A. Update WM Cart Service Implementation

Tessin stated we were officially on a roll with carts. Cart roll out will be staged out of four areas; WM's Findley St location with approximately 23,000 carts, Hayes Park in Tittabawassee Twp with 10,000 carts, Brady Twp Hall with 10,000 carts, and Saginaw Twp with 30,000 carts. WM has assigned a Route Manager to each location. Carts will be delivered in pairs of one 96 gal trash cart and one 96 gal recycling cart (except Bethany Twp). The runner will scan the RFID tag for each cart and set the carts where the resident would be expected to place the carts for collection. Cascade's tracking system will record each delivery as either successful or unsuccessful. Unsuccessful deliveries fall into one of four categories: 1) empty lot, 2) vacant home/unoccupied, 3) owner refused or 4) cannot find. MMWA will have close to real time access to this delivery tracking system through Cascade's portal. For parcels that clearly have a residential structure but are not on the cart delivery list, carts will be delivered. Cascade will provide MMWA with that address and MMWA will work with each municipality to resolve that particular address. Carts will be delivered Monday through Saturday. Tessin stated that residents should begin using their carts on their next service day. Carts will have a recycling calendar attached to them letting residents know their trash, recycling, yard waste and other valuable information such as bulk items. Tessin also stated that MMWA prefers that every resident is directed to MMWA to control the consistency of the information being relayed to residents. MMWA has communicated with each carted community and helped with updating their websites, outgoing messages, Facebook posts, and updated website.

To address the expected increase in call volume, starting April 10<sup>th</sup> MMWA will implement extended hours and take calls from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm. We will also be staffed on Saturdays from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm depending on call volume. Tessin noted that MMWA will be short staffed for the duration of Amber's leave.

B. Update Priority Waste Solid Waste

Tessin stated service remains as it has over the past several weeks noting service has significantly

improved since the first couple of weeks. Priority is having ongoing issues with their vendor which has impacted the project plan timeframes for both electronic routing and their portal. Tessin noted the portal is a key tool for service ticket communication between MMWA and Priority. Tessin stated emails are being responded to, however MMWA does have to follow up at times. The bulk program is to remain as is. Priority/Kruse stated that the transition could have gone better, but she feels that there was an emotional tie to the old vendor and they needed to break that barrier and they are in it for the long run.

### C. Part 115 Summary

Tessin relayed that Kerrin O'Brien, Executive Director of the Michigan Recycling Coalition gave a detailed presentation on Part 115 to the Executive Committee on March 23, 2023. An article from The Review was also included in your meeting packet. As part of preparing for the work of rewriting the County's Materials Management Plan (MMP) Tessin stated the Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SCSWMPC) is being reformed. EGLE is still doing some finetuning and once it calls for plans, targeted for late 2023, each County will have six months to identify which body is going to write the plan. Once that body is identified, the County will have three years to rewrite the plan. EGLE plans to have templates and a toolkit available. Counties will receive \$60,000/yr for five years along with \$0.50 per capita up to \$300,000 for the first three years. There is a \$10,000 bonus for multi county plans. Taylor stated MMWA is best positioned to do the work and be compensated for it.

## VIII. Program Items:

### A. 2023 Special Waste Update

Thayer stated there are five special waste events and two shred events scheduled for 2023. Appointments are required and can be made online or by calling the MMWA office. Our June 24<sup>th</sup> event will take place offsite at the old Candlelite Bowling Alley parking lot in Bridgeport Twp. Thayer thanked Bridgeport Twp/McGregor for her help in arranging the site. MMWA is creating a donation link and will be passing out cards to residents in an effort to increase donations. The Saginaw County Sheriff's Department will be onsite to provide security and traffic flow management. Thayer noted the first event set for April 26<sup>th</sup> is already almost full with little advertising.

## IX. Other

N/A

## X. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Cmte. Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 18, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
- B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, June 12, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

## IX. Adjourn

*Motion by Village of Birch Run/Moore, seconded by City of Frankenmuth/Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am.*

*Passed unanimously.*

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