



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – March 21, 2024
Thomas Twp Public Safety Building 8215 S Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

Following are the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, 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 Karwat called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

II. Member Attendance Roll

7 present – quorum achieved.

Members Present

Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Thomas Twp/D. Frollo
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
City of Saginaw/P. Karwat		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham		

Members Absent

Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Richland Twp/R. Grose
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Staff / Guests / Public

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

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve January 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Saginaw Twp/Gotham, to approve the January 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Information Review and / or Approval

A. 2024 YTD Financial Information

Tessin stated that YTD MMWA is on target and walked members through the new format for the simple financials spreadsheet. Tessin reminded members that trash, recycling, and yard waste should continue as forecasted now that each have a fixed rate that includes disposal, processing and composting. Tessin stated the only remaining variable solid waste cost is composting for the City of

Frankenmuth's yard waste. Karwat asked about Administrative and Programming budgeting going forward. Tessin explained that both have been combined with the budgeted amount increasing from \$6.05/household to \$10/household primarily to accommodate expected costs increases, especially for HSW events, and the 10 year timeline.

Motion by Saginaw Twp/Gotham, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the 2024 YTD Financials.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Organizational / Administrative Items Information and / or Approval

A. Bagster® Distribution Proposal

Tessin explained that the WM contract provides MMWA with three hundred Bagsters® per year. MMWA did not initiate a Bagster® campaign last year due to the implementation of new solid waste contracts including cart roll out and reconciliation. Bagsters®, which retail for \$29.99, would be free to eligible residents. The resident would pay for collection which typically runs around \$200. WM is providing an initial promotion of 10% off. Tessin proposed the program would be limited to eligible residents in MMWA member communities, except Gratiot County which is currently outside of the product service area, and offered to eligible residents that contact MMWA about cleaning out a home or small remodeling projects. Bagsters® would be offered on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. MMWA would promote Bagsters® on its Facebook page, website, and will send information to each municipality. Metiva asked the dimensions and how much they can hold. The Bagsters® have a 4-yard capacity and around 3,000 pounds. Gotham asked if some of the Bagsters® could be set aside for each municipality as they would be a good addition for the code enforcement team when they have clean outs or evictions. MMWA is going to set aside 20% for member communities.

B. WM Update

Tessin stated service and communication with WM is going well. Drivers continue to tag personal containers. YTD MMWA has sold approximately 120 additional carts to residents.

C. Priority Waste Update

Tessin stated that everything is going well, communication and service are good.

D. Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SCSWMPC)/Part 115 Update

Tessin stated that there is nothing new to report and the next meeting is on April 8, 2024. Tessin stated that there will be a session regarding Part 115 at the MRC conference at the end of April. Tessin reminded the committee that the County is looking for an elected official to appoint to the MMPC.

VII. Program Items Information and / or Approval

A. 2024 HSW/Shred Events Update

Thayer stated that everything is going well. The first event on April 24th is at capacity, which means 349 residents have already signed up. Thayer stated that MMWA has already received a couple of donations in the amount of \$15.00.

Karwat announced that the Memorial Cup will be held in the City of Saginaw from May 24, 2024, through June 2, 2024. He wanted to reach out to each of the haulers to see if they wanted to provide recycling/trash bins throughout the events. Karwat thought it would be beneficial for Saginaw if the event

had a system in place for attendees to recycle. Karwat said this could be something that starts and builds in the future with recycling at community events.

Gotham asked about the MI Recycling Infrastructure Grant. Gotham thought that it could be used to purchase additional recycling carts to give to residents that need them. Thayer stated that taking a quick glimpse the grant seemed targeted toward communities that do not have carts. Tessin stated that she will be looking into it more for use for educational purposes.

VIII. Closed Session – No Closed Session

IX. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:30 am, Monday, April 8, 2024 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg.

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 16, 2024 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg.

Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Saginaw Twp/Gotham, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____