



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – June 10, 2024
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, June 10, 2024, 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 Karwat called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

26 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		James Twp/E. Hak
Birch Run Twp/R. Kiessling	Alt	Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Richland Twp/R. Grose
Brady Twp/A. Somers	Alt	City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Saginaw Twp/B. Rombalski
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Swan Creek Twp/T. Krzeszewski
Chesaning Twp/D. Himstedt		Thomas Twp/D. Frollo
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez	Alt	Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Kochville Twp/A. Malesky
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Maple Grove Twp/W. Peterman
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; I. Krzeszewski/Swan Creek Twp; S. Charboneau/WM; J. Reynolds/WM; A. Kruse/Priority Waste; J. Taylor/Priority Waste

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve April 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the April 8, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2024 YTD Financial Information

Tessin stated that YTD MMWA is on target. She advised that members will begin seeing an increase in programming costs due to the onset of MMWA's seasonal HSW programming. Tessin noted the FY 23 Audit is in process and will be completed by month end.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Bethany Twp/Devine to approve the 2024 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

Tessin relayed that Saginaw Twp/Daryl Gotham has moved on to a position at Michigan Tech resulting in an opening on the Executive Committee. Saginaw Twp/Rombalski stated that Mike Comstock will be moving into Gotham's open position at Saginaw Twp. Tessin explained that historically both the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Twp Trustees have had positions on MMWA's Executive Committee as they are the two largest member communities. While the opening does not need to be immediately filled the Executive Committee does ultimately need to have an odd number of Trustees. In addition, as Frankenmuth Twp/Hilder is retiring there will be at least two openings on the Executive Committee. Tessin asked interested members to let her know.

A. Update WM

Tessin stated that everything is going well. WM is planning to host the October 14, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting at their Saginaw Hauling District including a tour of the improved facility and demonstration of the new trucks after the meeting formally adjourns.

B. Update Priority Waste

Tessin stated that everything is going well. Tessin shared the news that Priority recently announced the acquisition of GFL operations in SE Michigan which included 70 plus municipal contracts and around 70,000 subscription and HOA's accounts. Priority/Krause stated that Priority will not lose focus on their current customers.

C. Update Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SCSWMPC) and Part 115

Tessin advised that at the April 8, 2024, SCSWMPC MMWA learned that Saginaw County sent out an RFP to write the new Saginaw County Solid Waste plan and had already hired a consultant. Tessin provided updates from the May 28, 2024, Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) inaugural meeting including that all required slots have been filled except for a member from a

Regional Planning Agency. Bylaws were approved for the new Committee. Officers were elected; Tessin as Chair and Sarah Archer as Vice Chair. V. Anishetty and L. Wooley from Fishbeck attended and spoke about their project plan. A MMPC meeting schedule was set through the end of the year. Initially small groups will meet monthly to discuss calculating the recycling rate. Tessin noted that the SCSWMPC is officially no more. She has asked for the quarterly landfill reports and information about the current fund balance and how those funds have been distributed over the past few years.

Tessin stated that the MMPC clarified that all Part 115 communications will go from the Board of Commissioners to Saginaw County Health Department/Chris Klawuhn and the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) and from Klawuhn to the MMPC and vice versa.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2024 Special Waste Update

Thayer reminded members that MMWA's seasonal Household Special Waste (HSW) program includes five hazardous waste drop off events and two shred events. To date, three hazardous waste drop off events and one shred event have been held with a total of 1,016 residents participating. Given current efficiencies, beginning with our HSW event on Saturday, June 8th MMWA increased our number of available appointments from 350 to 400. Overall, we are holding steady at a 20% no show rate and a 10% drop-in rate. MMWA is running ahead of last year in donations collected with \$7,111.27 versus \$5,900.91 in 2023. Thayer stated that the next HSW event is on July 17th.

IX. Closed Session

N/A

X. Other

Bethany Twp/Devine asked about MMWA expanding into other Counties and adding additional municipalities. Tessin explained that any municipality that would like to join the Authority should write a letter and send it to MMWA. Tessin stated that historically one of the criteria for consideration is how that municipality would contribute to MMWA's overall bargaining power. Tessin added that at some point the Authority may want to assess the impact of market forces on the cost of solid waste services in smaller communities and if those factors would impact how the Authority evaluates potential member communities.

Wheeler Twp/Rodhe asked about recycling profit sharing. Brady Twp/Somers asked if recycling volume has increased in the member communities with carts. Tessin stated that MMWA has profit sharing formulas in place both vendors. WM/Charbonneau stated that recycling tonnage has increased significantly since the implementation of carted service. Tessin stated she will get tonnage information and report back to the Board.

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

B. Next Board Meeting: Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, October 14, 2024, @ WM

XII. Adjourn

Motion by St Charles Village/Ave, seconded by Birch Run Twp/Kiessling, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____