



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – October 14, 2024
WM – Saginaw Hauling District, City of Saginaw

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, October 14, 2024, at the WM Saginaw Hauling District, 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 9:32 am

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

20 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Birch Run Twp/R. Kiessling	Alt	Maple Grove Twp/W. Peterman
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Village of Merrill/D. Wenzel Alt
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
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/I. Krzeszewski
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez	Alt	Thomas Twp/D. Frollo
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm	Alt	Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Kochville Twp/S. King	Alt	Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Fremont Twp/D. LaClair
Bethany Twp/B. Devine		James Twp/E. Hak
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Richland Twp/R. Grose
Bridgeport Twp/T. Bennett		Saginaw Twp/B. Rombalski Alt
Chesaning Twp/D. Himstedt		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; A. Somers/Brady Twp; M. Comstock/Saginaw Twp; T. Krzeszewski/Swan Creek Twp; B. Federspiel/Tittabawassee Twp; J. Rombalski/Tittabawassee Twp; B. Quitiquit/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/WM; D. Reams/WM; J. Reynolds/WM.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve June 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the June 10, 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.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Birch Run Twp/Kiessling to approve the 2024 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. FY 2025 Solid Waste Estimate Services

Tessin stated that each member community was given a packet with their community's 2025 and 2026 calendar year Solid Waste Services Estimates (SWSE's) along with their applicable pricing matrix and two hard copies of MMWA's FY 2023 Audit. Tessin stated that going forward she would provide members with SWSE's for two calendar years as member communities have varying fiscal years.

C. FY 2025 Budget

Tessin reviewed MMWA's FY 2025 budget with members.

Motion by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt, seconded by Birch Run Twp/Kiessling to approve MMWA's FY 2025 budget as presented.

Passed unanimously.

D. MMWA 2023 Audit presented by Berthiaume & Company

Berthiaume stated that the audit process went smoothly and they received excellent cooperation from MMWA. He stated that MMWA received an unmodified opinion which is the best you can receive. Berthiaume noted that MMWA's net position improved by \$137,000.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Birch Run Twp/Kiessling to approve the 2023 audit as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. Executive Committee Opening

Tessin stated that as Saginaw Twp/ Gotham left Saginaw Twp and Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner is retiring there are two openings on the Executive Committee. Saginaw Twp is considering proposing M. Comstock

for the Executive Committee leaving one opening. Tessin stated that MMWA's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation do not specify a set number for the Executive Committee although typically there should be an odd number to help break a tie if needed. Tessin stated that any Trustee, Alternates are not eligible, interested in being on the Executive Committee should let her know.

B. Recycling Tonnage Report

In response to a question at a previous Board of Trustees' meeting Tessin included a bar graph comparing MMWA's annual recycling tonnage from 2019 through 2023 and YTD 2024. Carted recycling service which provided those residents in a community that selected WM with a container and guidelines on how to recycle has increased MMWA's recycling tonnage.

C. Update WM

Tessin stated that operations are running smoothly and thanked WM for hosting this month's Board of Trustees meeting.

D. Update Priority Waste

Tessin stated that operations are running smoothly. She introduced Brett Quitiquit who joined Priority in May on the sales side. His previous work history includes time at Republic Services as an account manager.

E. Update Materials Management Planning Committee

Tessin stated that the MMPC had its quarterly meeting and it is a good group. Two staff from EGLE attended the meeting. The MMPC gave them questions in advance which started a good conversation about the plan writing process including an acknowledgement that there is a certain amount of building the plane while it's already in the air. The current deliverable is the Work Plan, which is due in early January and requires approval by the MMPC. However, EGLE is requiring a specific as of yet unavailable template. This will delay access to grant money as an approved Work Plan is required. Tessin reiterated her concerns about how to calculate the current recycling rate. There is a definition in the legislation, but it still isn't really clear. Tessin also stated there is no standard for which year to use. EGLE seems to recognize that there is a lot of uncertainty about how to proceed.

Tessin stated the FY 2025 County budget was approved and it looks like MMWA is getting a \$10,000 increase. Tessin is also working on the Clean Sweep reimbursement.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2024 Special Waste Update

Thayer stated that MMWA held five HSW events this summer and two shred events. Thayer said that MMWA had 1,620 attendees for this year's HSW events and 190 attendees for the shred events.

Thayer stated that overall MMWA had 1,810 cars come through its events which is an increase of 97 cars over the prior year. Thayer stated that donations for the year totaled \$11,197.51 which is an increase of \$5,296.60 over the prior year. Thayer thanked the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department for providing reserve Deputies to assist with traffic flow at our events.

A. 2024/2025 Holiday Light Drive

Thayer stated that she is looking for sites willing to host a light drop off. If any community is interested, please let her know. The event will run from November 15, 2024, through January 15, 2025. All proceeds will benefit the Can Council again.

IX. Closed Session

N/A

X. Other

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, December 9, 2024, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Birch Run Twp/Kiessling, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____