



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – December 9, 2024
Thomas Township Public Safety Building

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, December 9, 2024, at 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

24 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Maple Grove Twp/W. Peterman
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Richland Twp/R. Grose
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Swan Creek Twp/T. Krzeszewski
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm		Thomas Twp/D. Frolo
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
James Twp/G. Hakes	Alt	Wheeler Twp/K. Bushre
Jonesfield Twp/K. Nock	Alt	City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris
Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Kochville Twp/A. Malesky
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of Merrill/D. Wenzel
Bridgeport Twp/T. Bennett		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; M. Sobieski/Fremont Twp; B. London/City of Saginaw; N. Jenkins/Wheeler Twp; B. Quitiquit/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/MM; J. Rowley/MM.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve October 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the October 14, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2024 YTD Financial Information

Tessin stated year to date MMWA is on target. Tessin explained that the line item SCSWF which appears as 132% of budget does not include other restricted funds applied to HSW costs such as the 2023 restricted funds balance, 2024 HSW donations and Clean Sweep reimbursement. Brant Twp/Cooper asked if MMWA is receiving any rebates. Tessin explained that the 1% rebate MMWA is eligible for when it pays within 30 days is shown in a separate line item on the spreadsheet.

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

Passed unanimously.

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

A. 2025 Meeting Schedule

A copy of MMWA's proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule was included in the meeting packet. No changes were recommended.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve the MMWA's 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. 2025 Executive Committee Slate

A copy of MMWA's proposed 2025 Executive Committee Slate was included in the meeting packet. Changes from 2024 are: Thomas Twp/D. Frolo will replace Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham as Treasurer, Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock is filling the vacancy from Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham's departure. Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner is retiring as a Trustee with Carrollton Twp/Sumption filling the resulting vacancy.

Motion by Village of Birch Run/Moore, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve the MMWA's 2025 Executive Committee Slate as presented.

Passed unanimously.

C. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Tessin explained that EPR is a policy approach and practice in which producers take responsibility for management of the products and/or packaging they produce at the end of their useful life. It's about shifting the cost from municipalities to the producers (brand owners) of especially single-use packaging. Tessin stated that the Michigan Recycling Coalition is asking for support with a signed resolution to support the Michigan Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy for Michigan. Tessin explained it's not binding, but a show of support.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, to approve the proposed Resolution of Support for Michigan Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy as presented.

Passed unanimously.

D. Update WM

Tessin stated that operations are running smoothly.

E. Update Priority Waste

Tessin stated that everything is going well.

F. Update Saginaw County Materials Management Planning Committee

Tessin advised that there is an MMPC meeting this afternoon at 2 pm. The next step is completing a Work Plan which is due January 6, 2025, although EGLE only recently released a template and the Work Plan will require County approval. An approved Work Plan is required before a grant contract can be signed. During the MRC's Fall into Recycling event in Lansing attended by Tessin and Thayer, Oakland County shared its Work Plan which multiple counties indicated they would model. Tessin also stated that in the MMPC meeting this afternoon they are going to discuss if they should file an extension. Tessin explained that all MMP work is on hold including determining the recycling rate, inventorying Saginaw County resources and transportation infrastructure.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2025 Special Waste Schedule

Tessin stated that MMWA will once again hold five HSW events and two shred events with the shred dated to be determined. MMWA will continue to drive online donations to help cover the increasing costs of the program. Tessin stated that ERG prices did increase, however not as much as anticipated.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak to approve the 2025 Special Waste Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

A. 2024/2025 Holiday Light Drive

Thayer stated that the Holiday Light Drive has begun and will run through January 15, 2025, with twenty-one locations participating this year. Thayer stated that some locations are outside where residents can drop off at any time and others are inside and available during regular business hours. Thayer thanked everyone for participating and reminded everyone the proceeds will benefit the Can Council.

IX. Year In Review

Tessin stated that everything MMWA worked toward in 2023, establishing communication and service

ticket handling expectations with Priority and cart reconciliation with WM paid off in 2024. MMWA handled 14,503 incoming calls and messages, created 2,934 Priority Waste tickets, 12,743 WM tickets and 1,365 City of Saginaw tickets for a total of 17,042 tickets. Tessin explained that service tickets are created from almost all calls and messages and can be for claims of missed service, education calls such as explaining how to properly prepare items, residents asking for a recycling calendar and cart purchases and cart repairs. Tessin reminded Trustees living in a member communities with carted service residents should live within their carts, personal containers can't be used for recycling or trash and residents can occasionally, meaning one to two times a year have one to two bags outside of their carts. Residents that consistently have more material than fits in their cart should purchase an additional cart.

Tessin also explained that with the portals MMWA keeps detailed information on each call, so when a member community reaches out to MMWA, MMWA has detailed information for the member community and history of that address.

Tessin said that Thayer runs MMWA's social media and website providing residents with fresh and creative content and a quick response time.

X. Closed Session

None

XI. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

N/A

XII. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, February 10, 2025, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XIII. Adjourn

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by Maple Grove Twp/Peterman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____