



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – April 14, 2025
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, April 14, 2025, 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

20 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		James Twp/C. Mackley	
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Jonesfield Twp/K. Nock	Alt
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt	
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Marion Twp/T. Strasel	
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat	
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue	
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	Swan Creek Twp/I. Krzeszewski	
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez	Alt	Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva	
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm		Wheeler Twp/N. Jenkins	
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina	

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Maple Grove Twp/W. Peterman	
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny	
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Richland Twp/R. Grose	
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock	
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman	
Bridgeport Twp/R. Rachwitz		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters	
Kochville Twp/A. Malesky		Thomas Twp/D. Frolo	

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; G. Hakes/James Twp; M. Sobiewski/Fremont Twp; K. Stevens/Kochville Twp; B. Quitiquit/Priority Waste; J. Taylor/Priority Waste, D. Reams/WM, J. Rowley/WM; S. Charboneau/WM.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve February 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the February 10, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2025 YTD Financial Information

The usual financial chart was included in the meeting packet. Tessin reported that all figures are on target and aligned with expectations.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak to approve the 2025 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

A. Incident at MMWA

Tessin reported that there was an incident on Friday involving a resident who followed a Waste Management collection vehicle and subsequently dumped trash in MMWA's parking lot. The incident was also reported by Waste Management. A police report was filed with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office. As a precaution, MMWA will keep all office doors locked moving forward. Additionally, MMWA will explore the installation of security cameras to enhance safety and provide additional protection for staff and property.

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

A. Approve Changes to MERS Plans

Tessin explained that a Resolution needed to be approved for the final step in the planned increase to the employer contribution for the MERS Defined Contribution retirement plan. The final increase brings the employer match to 10%, completing the phased plan initiated several years ago.

Tessin explained that when MMWA adopted the Defined Contribution plan through MERS, the intent was to start with a 6% employer contribution and increase it by 1% annually, capping at 10%. The vesting schedule remains at 20% per year over the first five years of employment.

During discussion, St Charles Village/Hart inquired about the employee contribution requirement. Tessin clarified that employees are required to contribute a 2% match in order to receive the employer contribution. Additionally, Tessin noted that the Executive Committee met in closed session to review employee performance appraisals and total compensation, which included consideration of this planned MERS contribution increase.

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve the resolution to approve MERS changes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. WM Update

Tessin reported that overall operations are running smoothly, with no significant issues to report at this time.

C. Priority Update

Tessin reported that overall operations are running smoothly, with no significant issues to report at this time.

D Materials Management Planning Committee (Part 115)

Tessin reported that the Saginaw County County Services Committee has approved the Work Plan, which will be presented to the Saginaw County Board of Commissioner for final approval tomorrow. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners, the Work Plan will be submitted to EGLE. Upon EGLE's approval, the complete grant application will be submitted. After the grant application is approved, Saginaw County will be able to access the allocated funds. The 36-month statutory period remains in effect, although the current work plan covers only a 12-month period. It was noted that no expenses incurred prior to the grant approval will be reimbursed.

Tessin also shared that the County has decided to apply the grant funds toward payment for a consultant as well as salary support for Klawuhn/Saginaw County Health Department.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2025 Special Waste Schedule

Thayer reported that MMWA's first special collection event of the season will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2025. The event is currently at full capacity, with 400 residents registered. The next event is scheduled for May 21, 2025, and has 173 residents signed up to date. Additionally, the first Shred Day event is set for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, with 86 residents currently registered.

B. Fun Group Activity

Thayer conducted an interactive recycling quiz with the Board of Trustees as part of MMWA's ongoing education and outreach efforts.

IX. Closed Session

None

X. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

Tessin announced that Priority Waste had arranged an MMWA night for a group outing to the Detroit Tigers game on April 23, 2025, at 1:10 pm. A total of 9 tickets were left for the event. Let Tessin know if you are interested.

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

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

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____