



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – September 18, 2025
Thomas Twp Public Safety Building 8215 S Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

Following are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, 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

Vice Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

II. Member Attendance Roll

Five present – quorum achieved.

Members Present

Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Thomas Twp/D. Frollo
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Richland Twp/R Grose		

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director, S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director, B. London/City of Saginaw, R. Acheff/Priority Waste, J. Taylor/Priority Waste, B. Quitiquit/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/WM

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve Revised March 20, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by City of Zilwaukee/Bourbina, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the Revised March 20, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. Approve May 15, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Thomas Twp/Frollo, to approve the May 15, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

V. Financial Information Review and/or Approval

A. 2025 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reported that YTD MMWA is on target.

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

Passed unanimously.

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

A. WM Update

Tessin reported that all operations with WM are running smoothly. WM is prepared for the conclusion of the yard waste season.

B. Priority Update

Tessin reported that daily operations with Priority Waste have substantially returned to normal. However, in late July, a convergence of multiple truck issues significantly impacted service for several days. This included collections extending well into the evening across multiple areas and several routes in certain municipalities rolling into the next day. In response, MMWA coordinated with Brett from Priority Waste to establish a schedule for receiving updates throughout each impacted service day, which were then shared with the affected communities. MMWA also communicated service disruptions via social media and other channels. These disruptions were inconvenient for residents, particularly in areas where service was affected for two consecutive weeks and placed additional strain on some municipal offices. As part of ongoing analysis, a capacity model is being developed to assess staffing needs at MMWA. Preliminary data indicates that the impact of these service issues on the MMWA office was equivalent to an average work week of approximately 300 resident interactions ("touches"). Additionally, James Taylor will be departing to join Southeast Detroit yard, and Rick Acheff has been appointed as the new head of the Saginaw yard. Rick has been active in the yard for some time and has 13 years of experience in the industry.

C. Side Door Service

Tessin reported that, based on feedback from residents, MMWA would like to revise the procedure for the Side Door Service program. Currently, MMWA sends a new form each year for residents to have completed by their doctor, even though most forms are marked as permanently needed. To improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary paperwork, MMWA proposes mailing the form every two years instead of annually. In the off years, MMWA would contact residents by phone to confirm they still require and are using the service.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Carrollton Twp/Sumption, to approve the proposed update to the side door service procedure, changing the form renewal from annually to every two years with a phone check-in during the off year.

Passed unanimously.

D. Materials Management Planning Committee/Part 115 Update

Tessin reminded members the State of Michigan, through EGLE, is requiring counties to replace their Solid Waste Management Plans with forward-looking Materials Management Plans (MMPs) focused on sustainable practices like recycling and composting. Saginaw County's 36-month planning timeline began on July 23, 2024, with approximately \$60,000 in annual funding plus \$.50 per capita (approximately \$90K) available each year for eligible expenses. In 2023, MMWA advocated for inclusion on the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) by submitting a letter to the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners with unanimous support from its 31 member communities. This was based on the belief that MMWA's involvement was essential, given that its individual members would be directly impacted by the planning process.

Communication with the Designated Planning Agency (DPA)/Saginaw County has been inconsistent, with key updates such as the County's RFP release and consultant selection delivered after the fact. Other items such as approved Work Plans and Grant Agreements have not been distributed to the

Committee. Tessin has served as Chair since mid 2024. MMWA has actively contributed data, expertise, and communication support. EGLE's Benchmark Recycling Standards (BRS) are already met by MMWA through its curbside and drop-off recycling services. MMWA has a well established communication infrastructure through its regularly scheduled Executive Committee and Board of Trustees' meetings that is unlikely to be utilized. In year one the County has assigned the funding to the Consultant and DPA. Discussions to date have not indicated funding would target infrastructure, recycling education, or sustainable waste practices that directly benefit residents.

Given the current level of engagement and communication, the Executive Committee recommends bringing this matter to the Board of Trustees for a decision at its October 13th meeting regarding continued MMWA participation on the MMPC. Options include maintaining the current MMPC representation, stepping down from the Chair role only, or resigning from the MMPC entirely. MMWA remains committed to supporting the County's planning process and will continue to provide updates to its member communities.

VII. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

A. 2025 HSW Drop Off Update

Thayer reported that MMWA completed its final Household Hazardous Waste event on September 10th and shred event on September 17th. Only rough totals are currently available. More detailed information will be presented at the October 13th Board of Trustees meeting. In total, MMWA held five hazardous waste events and two shred events this season, with approximately 1,895 attendees participating. Donations collected totaled \$11,728.27, which is \$524.61 more than the previous year.

VIII. Closed Session

None

IX: Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am on Monday, October 13, 2025 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am on Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ MMWA

X. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by City of Zilwaukee/Bourbina to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____