



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – November 20, 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, November 20, 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. Frolo
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Richland Twp/R Grose		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock		

Members Absent

City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
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Staff / Guests / Public

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

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve September 18, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the September 18 20, 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 Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the 2025 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. MMWA 2026 Budget

Tessin requested approval for MMWA 2026 budget noting that it was simply a total of the 2026 Solid Waste Services estimates for all of 34 member communities.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2026 Budget as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. 2026 Executive Committee Slate (Motion and Second to recommend to the Board of Trustees for Approval)

Tessin reported that Cooper/Brant Twp has submitted her resignation from the Executive Committee as Vice Chair and as Brant Twp Trustee. As a result, a new Vice Chair and an additional Executive Committee member will need to be elected. Grose/Richland Twp expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair. Tessin will review available Trustees and reach out to those who will provide continued balance. The 2026 slate will be provided to Trustees as part of the Annual Meeting packet.

B. 2026 Meeting Schedule (Motion and Second to recommend to the Board of Trustees for Approval)

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval the proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule.

Passed unanimously.

C. WM Update

Tessin reported that operations are running smoothly. Yard waste volumes remain very high, resulting in portions of some routes carrying over into the following day. The new phone system has been effective in providing timely updates to residents.

D. Priority Update

Tessin report operations are running smoothly.

E. Materials Management Planning Committee/Part 115 Update

Tessin stated that she has submitted her resignation to the MMPC. She noted that committee members continue to send her emails to keep her informed, despite her resignation. There has been no forward progress through EGLE or the County. The County sent a letter regarding issues related to receiving guidance. Grose/Richland Twp met with Chairman Tanney and informed him of the ongoing issues.

VII. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

A. Holiday Light Recycling Drive Update

Thayer stated that there are 21 locations participating in the Recycling Lights program for drop-off. The noted that the program began on November 15th and runs through January 15th.

B. 2026 HSW Drop Off Schedule (Motion and Second to recommend to Board of Trustees for Approval)

Tessin reported that MMWA met with WM a couple of months ago regarding a pilot Household Special Waste (HSW) program that would offer home pick up. For a fee, up to 1,600 households would be able to participate. She stated that MMWA is considering two possible paths going forward. MMWA has an established population that is accustomed to using the current facility. However, the vendor, ERG, was recently purchased by a larger company, Arcwood. Although Ed Dawkins has assured MMWA that no changes are anticipated, Tessin noted that in acquisitions, it is common for key staff to transition out and

for costs to increase. MMWA will need to understand all available options should that occur. Tessin added that the market outlook will become clearer in 2026. MMWA has proposed five HSW events for the year; the specific dates are listed in the agenda.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Thomas Twp/Frollo, to recommend for approval by MMWA's Board of Trustees the proposed 2026 HSW Schedule.

Passed unanimously.

VIII. Closed Session

Thomas Twp/Frollo made a motion to enter into close session as allowed under MCL 15.268 Section 8 1 A to consider the periodic personnel evaluations of MMWA staff.

Motion by Thomas Twp/Frollo, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose

Passed by Roll Call

Brant Twp/ - Yay

Carrollton Twp – Yay

Richland Twp – Yay

Saginaw Twp – Yay

Thomas Twp – Yay

Tittabawassee Twp – Yay

Closed session entered into at 9:47 am.

Motion to exit closed session and enter into open session made by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Thomas Twp/Frollo

Passed unanimously.

Open session entered into at 10:37 am

Motion to approve compensation and benefit changes for 2026, made by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva.

Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Katharine Tessin's employment agreement as written made by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva.

Passed unanimously.

IX: Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am on Monday, December 8, 2025 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am on Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ MMWA

X. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____