



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – December 8, 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, December 8, 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

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		James Twp/C. Mackley
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Kochville Twp/K. Stevens
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Maple Grove Twp/W. Peterman
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Richland Twp/R. Grose
Bridgeport Twp/ C. Shannon		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Buena Vista Twp/C. Darrough Alt		Saginaw Twp/M. Comstock
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Thomas Twp/D. Frollo
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez Alt		Wheeler Twp/N. Jenkins
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Marion Twp/T. Strasel
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Village of Merrill/J Wazny
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue
Chesaning Twp/D. Hemstedt		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye		Swan Creek Twp/I. Krzeszewski

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; J. Rombalski/Tittabawassee Twp; R. Acheff/Priority, A. Kruse/Priority Waste, B. Quittiquit/Priority Waste; S. Charboneau/MM.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve October 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve October 13, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2025 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reported that all figures are 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 reported that the individual member community solid waste estimates for 2026 have been consolidated into a single 2026 budget representing all 34 communities.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve the 2026 MMWA Budget as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. 2026 Executive Committee Slate

Brant Twp/Cooper has submitted her resignation from the Executive Committee as Vice Chair and Trustee. Cooper was recognized for her years of service and thanked for her many and vital contributions to that Authority. As a result of her resignation, a new Vice Chair and an additional Trustee will need to be appointed to the Executive Committee. Richland Twp/Grose has expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair, with Maple Grove Twp/Peterman proposed to fill the open seat on the Executive Committee. Tessin stated that Peterman owns Resourceful Recycling, a business that provides dumpster rentals as well as electronics and pallet recycling, and MMWA regularly refers residents to this service. Tessin stated that because MMWA operates under set contracts, this would not constitute a conflict of interest; however, if an issue arises where a decision could benefit Resourceful Recycling, Peterman would be required to abstain from voting.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose to approve the 2026 MMWA Executive Committee Slate as presented.

Passed unanimously.

B. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva to approve the 2026 MMWA Meeting Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

C. WM Update

Tessin reported that operations are running smoothly. The last day of yard waste collection was Friday, December 5, 2025. Charboneau/WM reported that the season went very well.

D. Priority Update

Tessin reported that curbside operations are running smoothly. Trustees received an email detailing the disruption affecting the City of Saginaw due to a payment dispute between Priority and WM. The City of Saginaw recycling trucks were being turned away from the WM MRF. Priority is currently undergoing a recapitalization process. Despite these issues, curbside operations for MMWA communities remain stable and all materials are being collected.

E. Materials Management Planning Committee/Park 115 Update

Tessin stated that she submitted her resignation to the MMPC. She noted that committee members continue to send her emails to keep her informed. The DPA sent EGLE a 2.5-page letter outlining items that needed to be addressed, including timeframe expectations, product quality, and other operational requirements. A MMPC meeting is scheduled for this afternoon; however, conditions remain largely the same with no forward progress.

VIII. Program Items:

A. Holiday Light Recycling Drive Update

Thayer stated that there are 21 locations participating in the Recycling Lights program for drop-off. She further noted that the program began on November 15.

B. 2026 HSW Drop Off Schedule

Tessin stated that rates for 2026 applied to the 2025 volume and composition would result in an increase of less than \$5,000. She noted that ERG, MMWA's long time partner, has been acquired, but operations and pricing are expected to remain consistent for the coming year.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose to approve the MMWA's 2026 HSW Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

IX. Closed Session

None

X. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
- B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, February 9, 2026 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____