



Mid Michigan Waste Authority Special Call Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

8:30 am – April 14, 2022
Thomas Twp Public Safety Building 8215 S Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

Following are the minutes of the Special Call meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, 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. Call to Order

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:32 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Member Attendance Roll

8 present – quorum achieved

Members Present

Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
City of Saginaw/P. Karwat		

Members Absent

Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		
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Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; B. Holloway/Priority Waste, A. Kruse/Priority Waste, M. Kugel/Priority Waste, D. Venet/Priority Waste, S. Charboneau/MMWA, J. Weiss/MMWA, D. Reams/MMWA, J. Reynolds/MMWA, DJ. Bourdow/GFL, R. Davis/Davis Burkert Savage Listman Taylor.

III. Public Comment:

Bill Holloway VP of Operations for Priority Waste introduced himself stating he has been with Priority Waste since the beginning of the company and that in his role he is focused on ensuring issues are resolved in a timely manner. Holloway thanked members for the opportunity to address the group.

IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve March 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner to approve the March 24, 2022, meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously

B. Review RFP Submissions

Tessin stated Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner, City of Saginaw/Karwat, Saginaw Twp/Gotham, Thomas Twp/Taylor, MMWA/Tessin, MMWA/Thayer, and Davis Burkert Savage Listman Taylor/Davis met with

Priority Waste for a second interview which went well. Tessin advised the group that as directed she asked GFL and WM to come back with their best offer. All vendors responded in a timely fashion providing answers to various question with WM and GFL providing updated pricing. Tessin also worked with Priority Waste to clarify its recycling profit sharing proposal.

Tessin walked members through the pricing spreadsheets included in the meeting packet. She explained that the data was presented sorted by collection type and by vendor. She specified that MMWA solicited two types of calculations: all in pricing and separate pricing. All in pricing means the per unit rate includes both the cost of collection and the cost of disposal (or processing or composting). All in pricing is a fixed rate per unit and does not vary based on the tonnage actually generated. Separate pricing means that the cost of collection is one price with the cost of disposal (or processing or composting) an additional cost based on the actual tonnage generated. Tessin noted that if a vendor did not specifically provide a composting number, she used TDE's pricing in her calculations.

Members discussed the manual swap percentage threshold within a carted community and the pricing impact of a manual swap from carted collection. Tessin was directed to follow up with Priority Waste on this issue.

City of Saginaw/Karwat asked if different communities can use different vendors or if the entire Authority has to use the same vendor. Tessin advised there is language in the RFP that allows for different vendors to be selected by different communities.

Tessin then reviewed the comparison spreadsheet of other tangible items.

Tessin advised that WM had already specified that the roll out of carts and CNG trucks would take several months into 2023. For the first six months of 2023 the new landfill disposal and recyclables processing rates will apply with a 5% increase to 2022 manual collection rates. Davis asked WM's drop-dead date is. Tessin is to follow up with WM.

Tessin advised that GFL, with its landfill outside of Saginaw County, has agreed to pay \$1.82/ton (approximately \$130,000) directly to MMWA. Disposal of MMWA's trash at a landfill outside of Saginaw County will reduce the tipping fees paid to the Saginaw County Solid Waste Fund. Those fees are dispersed by the Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee under the oversight of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

Tessin reviewed the recycling profit sharing proposals. Davis noted that reporting requirements can be specified to provide context and comparison with publicly available information.

Tessin defined customer service in terms of resident calls coming directly to the Authority versus residents contacting a vendor directly. She explained that MMWA staff currently handle 12,000 to 14,000 resident calls per year; half of which are service related with the other half education related. She also noted that over the length of a 10-year contract we could introduce more technology to make service-related issues more real time. The committee agreed they prefer residents calling the Authority directly.

Taylor stated all three interviews went well and each are still competitive. Taylor would like Tessin to provide a spreadsheet with total cost of a 10-year contract for all three vendors. Taylor advised that once a recommendation is made, every community must get approval from their community along with a 60-day publishing period.

Karwat noted that if communities transition to carts that may decrease complaints about can handling as the carts are sturdier than some inexpensive cans used by residents.

Taylor solicited additional comment from attendees. There being no additional comment Taylor

requested a motion to enter into a closed session as allowed under MCL 15.268(h) to review and consider a written legal opinion from attorney Robert Davis.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Saginaw Twp/Gotham to enter into closed session.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Closed session entered into at 10:00 am

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/ Metiva, seconded by Saginaw Twp /Gotham to exit closed session.

Passed unanimously.

Closed session exited at 10:17 am.

Tessin walked members through a correction to GFL's cart collection proposals. Taylor directed Tessin to go back to GFL and again confirm the pricing. Tessin will confirm her calculations with each proposers.

Members discussed Priority Waste's pricing structure relative to other proposals, concerns associated with a relatively new company, risk tolerance, the rate of forecasted increases across all proposals, contract length and the significantly higher prices for MMWA's outlying communities.

V. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. Next Executive Special Call Committee Meeting: 1:00 pm, Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg.
- B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Bldg.
- C. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am, Monday, June 13, 2022 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by City of Saginaw/Karwat, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 am.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____