

Muskegon County
Solid Waste Planning Committee
February 7, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS)
2624 Sixth Street
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

Sidney Shaw, Chair

Linda Aerts, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 2:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Aerts, David Baker, Steven Bieseda, William Crabtree, Jennifer Hodges, Dave Kendrick, Wayne Kuerth, Barbara Marczak, Sidney Shaw,

Excused: Donald Ames, Commissioner Brown, Scott Huebler, Russ Jones, Doug Wood

Staff

Present: Greg Leverage, Solid Waste Supervisor; Tina Nash, Public Works Coordinator; Matthew Farrar, Public Works Director; Carly Hines, Public Works Finance & Sustainability Administrator

The group went around the room and introduced themselves and welcomed the new members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sidney Shaw opened the nominations for Chair of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

SWPC-22-001 Moved by Jennifer Hodges, seconded by Linda Aerts, to nominate Sidney Shaw as Chair of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

There were no other nominations for Chair.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

Chair Shaw presiding

Chair Shaw opened nominations for Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

SWPC-22-002 Moved by Barbara Marczak seconded by Steven Bieseda, to nominate Linda Aerts as Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

There were no other nominations for Vice Chair.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

Chair Shaw opened nominations for Secretary of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

SWPC-22-003 Moved by Jennifer Hodges, seconded by Barbara Marczak, to appoint Greg Leverage as Secretary of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SWPC-22-004 It was moved by William Crabtree, seconded by Jennifer Hodges, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Consistency Letter for Expansion

Chair Shaw stated the landfill expansion would be to the west of the current landfill, north side of Apple Avenue. Chair Shaw stated the intention of the letter was to inform the

State of Michigan of the County's wish to expand the current landfill and that the expansion is consistent with the Muskegon County Solid Waste Plan.

Greg Leverence stated they are currently in the process of contracting three projects:

1. Clearing and grubbing the land
2. Importing structural fill to place the landfill on
3. The actual construction of the cell

Greg Leverence stated they are close to submitting the construction permit application to the State of Michigan. They expect to have the permit in May or June 2022. Greg Leverence stated the new landfill cells would be in Egelston Township. Greg Leverence stated there is a total of 52 acres permitted for the expansion. Greg Leverence stated the first cell constructed will be approximately 15 acres with the full 52 acres developed over the next 20 years. Greg Leverence stated there will be 4 cells constructed within the 52 acres.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Bylaw Changes

Chair Shaw read the proposed language changes to the bylaws. Chair Shaw stated this committee would move from meeting four times per year to one time with additional meetings called as necessary.

SWPC-22-005 It was moved by William Crabtree, seconded by Jennifer Hodges, to adopt the proposed language changes to the bylaws.

Jennifer Hodges asked if the terms committee members served could be longer with moving to one meeting per year. Greg Leverence stated he would look into it.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Matthew Farrar thanked those serving on this committee.

Matthew Farrar stated at the Rotary meeting Dr. Alan Steinman, Director of GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute, recognized both the Solid Waste Facility and the Resource Recover Center for their environmental clean-up efforts in the area. Matthew Farrar spoke to the various projects WMSRDC is has done to clean-up Muskegon Lake and the in-kind matches Solid Waste has been able to make. Matthew Farrar stated this year Muskegon Lake may be delisted as an area of concern. Dave Kendrick stated the State of Michigan recognizes areas of severe pollution and the water quality shows the need for clean-up for public health. Dave Kendrick stated a lot has been done to clean-up various sites throughout Muskegon County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Planning Committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Sidney Shaw, Chair