

Muskegon County
Solid Waste Planning Committee

February 5, 2024

2:00 p.m.

1903 Marquette Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49442

Sidney Shaw, Chair
Barbara Marczak, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: David Baker, Steven Biesiada, Scott Huebler, Dave Kendrick, Joe Kuerth, Barbara Marczak, Sidney Shaw, Saxon Smith

Excused: William Crabtree, Commissioner Lahring

Staff

Present: Greg Leverage, Solid Waste Supervisor; Tina Nash, Public Works Coordinator; Wade VandenBosch, Public Works Director; Robert Ribbens, Environmental Manager

The group went around the room and introduced themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

SWPC-24-001 Moved by Scott Huebler, seconded by Barbara Marczak, 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-24-002 Moved by Barbara Marczak seconded by Dave Kendrick, to nominate Barbara Marczak 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-24-003 Moved by Chair Shaw, 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**

Chair Shaw stated the importance of this committee with the changes occurring.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SWPC-24-004 It was moved by Dave Kendrick, seconded by Steve Biesiada, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

COMMUNICATIONS

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Transition to Materials Management Planning Update

Wade VandenBosch provided information regarding the Materials Management Plan (MMP). Wade VandenBosch spoke about the changes to Part 115. Governor Whitmer signed a law in 2022 directing counties to transition from a Solid Waste Plan to an MMP with the focus being on recycling. Wade VandenBosch stated on January 8th of this year EGLE sent a letter stating we have until July 8, 2024 to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the state letting them know we intend to submit an MMP. Wade VandenBosch stated Muskegon County has been communicating with neighboring counties (Lake, Mason, Newaygo, and Oceana), which is encouraged by EGLE. Wade VandenBosch spoke about the additional grant funding that's available if you work with other counties. Wade VandenBosch stated the other counties are releasing an RFQ seeking entities that can write the MMP. Wade VandenBosch stated the Muskegon County Public Works Board is more in favor of using WMSRDC to write our MMP, so Muskegon County will not be participating in the RFQ process. Discussion ensued regarding funding. Wade VandenBosch stated the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) will need to be appointed by the Board of Public Works within 180 days of filing the NOI. Wade VandenBosch stated the next steps will be to appoint a designated planning agency and form the MMPC. Discussion ensued regarding the action taken by the Board of Public Works, what the grant funding can be used for, the timeline for various steps to the MMP process, and the role of the MMPC. Greg Leverage and Wade VandenBosch encouraged those on this board to apply for positions on the MMPC.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Planning Committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.