

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tyden Center Conference Room
121 South Church Street, Hastings, MI

Approved Meeting Minutes September 8th, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Frank Fiala called the meeting of the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Frank Fiala
Jodi Pessell
Jay VanStee
Craig Stolsonburg
David Hatfield
Jim Brown
Tom Rook
Don Johnson

Members Absent:

Catherine Getty
Sarah Moyer-Cale
Matt Rosser

Members of the Public:

Rachel Frantz
Jerrie Fiala
Jamie Lewis Hedges
Tom Mawson

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Craig Stolsonburg, seconded by Jim Brown and the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as presented made by Craig Stolsonburg, seconded by David Hatfield and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

None.

Recycling Coordinator Report (Rachel Frantz)

See Recycling Coordinator Report August 2023 (emailed to the committee on 09/05/23).

Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's Report July 2023 (emailed to the committee on 09/05/23).

Old Business: Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event

Per Chairman Fiala, he would like everyone on this committee to at least make an appearance at the HHW event coming up in a couple of weeks on September 23rd. In the past, we have not had good attendance from this committee at these events, but he feels this is key as this is really our "main" event so to speak and he feels everyone needs to participate to see what exactly we do at these events and how we do it.

Per Jodi Pessell, we are pretty much set for the upcoming event. She talked to Joe again from Stoddard Oil about collection of the oil; last time we received an invoice for \$250.00 from the June 3rd collection, but she

Old Business: Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event (Continued)

confirmed that the invoice we will be receiving for this upcoming event on September 23rd will only be for \$50.00 (like in the past); so, Jodi isn't sure about the charge of \$250.00 from last time, but again she did confirm that for the 23rd we will only be invoiced \$50.00 for the pick up of the oil. She thinks we'll also have a few Health Department employees volunteering that could possibly help Rachel Frantz out with the electronics portion of the collection. Don Johnson confirmed that he will have a waste dumpster there for us to use. Jodi Pessell also stated that Les's Sanitary Service left three (3) containers at the Expo Center from a previous collection (like for the roll offs) and so they have just been sitting there; they were never picked up and she isn't sure who to contact to pick them up since Les's is no longer in business. She did state that Tammy at the Expo Center said we could just keep them there in storage between collections since we do use them at the events.

She also thinks there will be six (6) or seven (7) people there from the Sherriff's Posse and Jay VanStee stated that he will reach back out to Jeff Dock (Thornapple Kellogg Football Coach) to confirm that he will have players to help out with the tires again at this event. Rachel Frantz confirmed that we will have three (3) trailers for tires this time and she did specify in the email that this time they need to be spaced farther apart. It was decided that if anyone shows up with a huge number of tires (50+) then those people should be put in touch with Jay VanStee so that he can coordinate drop off for the tires more towards the end of the collection rather than the beginning.

She also spoke with Drug & Laboratory and tried to get on the schedule for 2024, but they aren't currently taking events for next year yet; so, she is going to email them back in about another month to see if we can get on the 2024 schedule then.

New Business: Review Draft EGLE Rural Electronics Grant Report & 2024 Scrap Tire Grant Application (with Eaton County due September 15th)

Review Draft EGLE Rural Electronics Grant Report: see Draft EGLE Rural Electronics Grant Report (due October 15th, 2023) (emailed to the committee on 09/05/23).

2024 Scrap Tire Grant Application (with Eaton County due September 15th): Eaton County has offered to let us share in on the tire grant again next year, so they just need to know our dates and number of trailers per event. Jodi Pessell will let her know the dates once we get on Drug & Laboratories schedule for next year and the committee agreed with three (3) trailers per event for next year.

Public Comment

Tom Mawson wanted to thank the committee for approving the Mini Grant Application that Yankee Springs submitted last month; they did their postcard mailing and it went out to the 2,300 addresses/homes in Yankee Springs Township. They ended up negotiating with a of Yankee Springs resident who actually works for a mailing house and she prepares what they send out; so, by going through her, it saved a substantial amount in postage. He does have all the final numbers that he will get to Rachel Frantz and they did come in substantially less because the postage was half as much since it was presorted. Chairman Fiala stated that as a resident of Yankee Springs Township, he did receive that postcard and it was just excellent.

Jamie Lewis Hedges from the Conservation District confirmed that now that he knows that process for becoming a member of this committee, he will be applying to take Sarah Nelson's previous spot on the committee representing the "general public".

Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala stated that he received a notice from Luella Dennison at the County about some of the committee members' terms being up and Jodi Pessell stated that she is on this committee representing the Michigan Environmental Health Association (MEHA), but there has been kind of an issue with that group as far as getting a hold of them and being a representative for them on this committee. So, with that being said, she wanted to speak with Frank about this after the meeting. Chairman Fiala also asked Jim Brown to email Luella Dennison endorsing Tom Mawson to replace his position on this committee representing the "general public."

Member Comments

Jodi Pessell – None.

Jay VanStee – his term on this committee is coming up, but he has renewed for another term and the Health Officer has approved his appointment on this committee.

Craig Stolsonburg – the Village of Middleville's contract with Republic Services is coming up next year and they have some residents who are unhappy with Republic, so they are going to have a special council to see if they want to go out for bid again or just extend the contract with Republic; so with that being said, if anyone has any ideas for alternative waste haulers that he could reach out to (if in fact the council decides to go out for another bid again), please let him know.

David Hatfield – None.

Jim Brown – None.

Tom Rook – None.

Don Johnson – None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:32 a.m.

Approved at the 12-08-2023 meeting

August 2023 Report

Administrative Assistance to the Solid Waste Oversight Committee (SWOC)

- Attend SWOC committee and subcommittee meetings, provide monthly progress reports to the SWOC
 - Attended August 11 SWOC meeting and gave a written and verbal report.
- Administer the County's Solid Waste mini-grant program and provide technical assistance to applicants
 - Contacted the Community Foundation to inform them of the two mini-grants that were approved (PCCI and Yankee Springs)
- On behalf of the SWOC, report to the County Board of Commissioners to provide program updates
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- Coordinate with neighboring county recycling programs
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- Serve as a representative in recycling user groups
 - News:
 - "For the past two and a half years, Marquette County has been collecting and recycling glass bottles. About 1,000 tons of glass has been pulverized instead of ending up in a landfill, thanks, in part, to a grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Prior to getting the glass pulverizer, the county did not recycle glass."
<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/marquette-county-mi-glass-pulverizer-has-recycled-1k-tons-of-glass-bottles-keeping-them-out-of-landfills/>
 - Reached out to learn more about pulverizer and application of ground glass. (8/22)
 - "Material development company Xeriant is putting the finishing touches on its recycled composite construction panel, which it hopes will "disrupt" the building industry. The Florida-based company, which partnered with TMF Corporation to develop Nexboard, said it has successfully tested high-volume production for the board, which is made largely from post-consumer and post-industrial plastic and cardboard. Billing it as a replacement for drywall and wood-based building products, a press release stated that patent-pending Nexboard is resistant to fire, water, mold and insects."
<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2023/07/31/emerging-building-material-is-end-use-for-recyclables/>

Solid Waste (Materials) Management Planning

- Assist with Materials Management Planning at the direction of the SWOC
 - Review new MMP planning documents from EGLE
 - Planning Quick Guide
<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/MMD/Solid-Waste/Planning/Materials-Management-Planning-Quick-Guide.pdf?rev=8edc3f059d0a41e59c78d9c880badb61&hash=C1170B352292B108512FB12DDE5B2C8D>
 - Materials Management Plan Approval Process
<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/MMD/Solid-Waste/Planning/Materials-Management-Planning-Process.pdf?rev=902cca3b6b324d77b79f485fcc1237e9&hash=A2B628A71B859E76D89C3B7098C9218A>
- Serve on the Materials Management Planning Committee
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

- Assist with Household Hazardous Waste collection events under the direction of the BEDHD and the SWOC
 - Reached out to ERR to confirm tire trailers for fall collection event and to request they space the trailers further apart.
 - Contact Delton High School staff to inquire about holding the second (and final) grant-funded electronics collection event at the high school. (8/17)

- Received an inquiry from Drew Beekman, Schupan Asset Management, about upcoming electronics recycling events. Spoke on the phone (8/25) about what they offer and their prices. Drew let me know the prices for some of the materials and will be sending me a more in depth price list to consider. I let him know that we are already committed to Padnos for our 2024 events through the EGLE grant but would be interested in potentially partnering in the future. Additionally, they are able (and usually do) staff the events.
 - CRT TVs and monitors \$0.20/lb
 - LCD TVs \$0.07/lb
 - LCD monitors \$0/lb
 - Other CE \$0/lb
- Completed FOIA request (forwarded by Luella) for Drew Beekman, Schupan Asset Management for 2022 and 2023 Electronics collection invoices and agreements. (8/29)

Recycling Outreach and Education to County Residents

- *Write educational articles and press releases*
 - Wrote and published *How to Reduce the Amount of Trash in your Bin* in the Hastings Reminder (8/12)
- *Produce printed materials. Once SWOC-approved, print and distribute these materials*
 - Ordered 250 more disposal guides from J-Ad (8/8)
- *Maintain and serve as the primary contact for the website: barrycountyrecycles.org and social media pages: Facebook and YouTube*
 - Responded to a resident who requested more information on recycling survey about battery and medication disposal
 - Responded to a resident who was asking about the acceptability of semi tires at HHW
- *Produce online/electronic content to be published on the website and social media*
 - Created and published *Too Much Trash* to Facebook
 - Created three HHW event reminders posted 8/26 and scheduled 9/9 and 9/16
- *Participate in public events*
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- *Coordinate volunteer efforts as needed*
 - Looking for a few more volunteers for the Fall HHW at electronics
- *Develop and present programs to educate residents, community groups, businesses, and waste haulers regarding recycling, the Solid Waste Management Plan, and other waste management activities*
 - Worked with Don Johnson, WM and the planning committee for *The Fairground Festival* to get recycling carts for the festival Aug 27 at the Expo center and created and dropped off signage to attach.
- *Work with community groups to promote recycling awareness in the local schools*
 - Having discussions with Delton Kellogg staff about recycling at schools

Assistance to Local Units of Government (LUG)

- *At the direction of the SWOC, serve as a liaison to local units of government within Barry County, and offer support in the following ways:*
 - Initiate new programs
 - Assist with educational and publicity efforts
 - Disperse information on recycling in Barry County and resources available
 - Forwarded EGLE Catalyst Communities webinars regarding materials management planning to all municipalities (8/31)
 - Initiate and/or advises on cooperative programs between the SWOC and LUGs