

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

Project #: ER-2022-6, Grantee: Barry County Solid Waste Committee

Reporting Period: April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD

A. Tasks completed during this period include the creation of event flyers for all 2023 events and the distribution of 500 flyers specific to the July 15 event in the Village of Nashville that were included with the June water bills. The Recycling Coordinator created and published 6 event reminders on the Barry County Recycles Facebook page on May 27, 2023, June 2, 2023, July 1, 2023, July 8, 2023, July 15, 2023, and event summaries on August 11, 2023 and September 1, 2023. The Barry Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) published ads in the Reminder on May 20th & May 27th and in The Banner on May 25th to advertise the June event. The Recycling Coordinator worked with the Barry Conservation District, BEDHD, and Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee (SWOC) to gather volunteers for all 2023 events and ordered T-shirts for electronics volunteers. There was one staff and ten volunteers at the June electronics collection event and one staff and seven volunteers at the July event. Two grant-funded collection events were held during this period, which resulted in the collection of 10,272 lbs of CRT and LCD TVs and monitors for recycling, costing a total of \$3,722.20.

II. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD

A. Goals and Objectives

As identified in the grant proposal, the main goal was to facilitate electronics recycling in Barry County by providing residents with electronics recycling at HHW collections and to expand access further by adding an additional electronics takeback at the Village of Nashville Transfer Station. These goals are being met through the collection events that have occurred in this period and will continue in 2024.

B. Additional Project Accomplishments

In addition to collecting 10,272 lbs of TVs and monitors, the two grant-funded electronics collections helped keep an additional 7,464 lbs of electronics out of landfills or littered along roadways and waterways. There was one additional, non-grant-funded event in September, that collected an additional ## lbs of CRT and LCD TVs and monitors and another ##,### lbs of electronic waste.

Commented [1]: if we get the data in time

C. Project Data

For the 2023 grant-funded events, there were;
People served: approximately 600 cars(households)
TVs collected (lbs): 10,272
Total electronics collected (lbs): 17,736
Total volunteer hours: 86.75
Total match provided: \$3,146.53
Total grant funds spent: \$3,722.20

III. SUMMARY OF REMAINING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

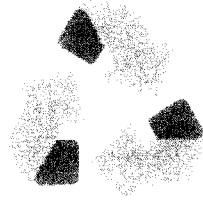
- A. The remaining tasks include planning and holding two grant-funded electronic collection events in 2024, which are projected to be completed as described in the approved project schedule. Three electronics collections will be held by the county in 2024; only two will be grant-funded.

IV. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THIS PERIOD

- A. There was one problem at the second collection event at the Village of Nashville Transfer Station. When Padnos was dropping the trailer off, they could not maneuver it through the gate, which resulted in us having to leave it outside the fenced-in area and next to the road. In turn, this created a slight traffic issue due to the gate's location in relation to the trailer and topography of the drive. We resolved this by temporarily removing the gate to allow cars to utilize the turnaround and not further obstruct traffic.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- A. For the final grant-funded event in 2024, we are changing the location to accommodate the west side of Barry County. We hope to hold the event in Delton, located in Barry Township, at the high school. We will work with the Delton community and school to finalize a location and to send out mailers.



Barry County Recycles

Barry County
220 W. State Street
Hastings, MI 49058
269-908-4099
www.barrycountyrecycles.org

MATCH REPORT

April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023		
Project Name	Project Number	
Electronics Recycling	ER-2022-6	
Item	Sub Total	Cost
June 3 Collection Event		
Professionals not working in their professional capacity:		
1 persons x 7 hours = 7 x \$25 = 175	175.00	
61.6 miles @ .655	40.35	
Total		\$215.35
Volunteer Match		
See separate documentation		
Volunteer Hours		
10 persons x (varied by person) hours = 51.75 combined hours x \$28.35	1,467.11	
Total		\$1,467.11
Mailers	218.00	\$218.00
July 15 Collection Event		
Professionals not working in their professional capacity:		
1 persons x 9 hours = 9 x \$25 = 225	225.00	
44 miles @ .655	28.82	
Total		\$253.82
Volunteer Match		
See separate documentation		
Volunteer Hours		
8 persons x (varied by person) hours = 35 x \$28.35	992.25	
Total		\$992.25
Total		\$3,146.53



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 RURAL ELECTRONICS GRANT
REQUEST FOR PAYMENT**

GRANTEE NAME: Barry County	
GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 3,722.20	THIS PAYMENT REQUEST IS A: PARTIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR FINAL <input type="checkbox"/>
TIME PERIOD COVERED BY REQUEST: April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023	

Budget Item	Cost/ Budget Item	Total Amount	Local Match Amount Provided	Grant Amount Requested
1	\$4000	\$16000	\$0	\$3,722.20
2	\$900	\$3600	\$2,459.36	\$0
3	\$150	\$600	\$400	\$0
-	\$0	\$0	\$69.17	\$0
-	\$0	\$0	\$218	\$0
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The Grantee must include proof of payment to the vendor (such as cancelled checks, vendor invoices, ACH, wire transfer confirmations, bank statements, etc.), and proof of receipt of goods with each request for payment. The State will reimburse the Grantee the grant reimbursement percentage identified in the Grantee's agreement for the eligible payments made by the Grantee up to the final grant amount, less a five percent retention amount that will be paid when the final report is received.

By submitting and signing this request for payment, the Grantee certifies that all expenditures contained herein are eligible for reimbursement under this grant. The Grantee acknowledges that falsification of records may result in the termination of the grant agreement and other appropriate legal remedies.

Grantee's Signature Date

Mailing address for completed Request for Payment:

NobleS4@Michigan.gov

Please ensure all scanned documents are clear and legible. Retain original hard copies for your records.

EGLE Office Use Only	
Approved to Process Payment of: \$ _____	
_____ EGLE Project Manager	_____ Date

Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee
Tyden Center Conference Room, Hastings, MI

September 8, 2023

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of August 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Recycling Coordinator Report
 - A. Marquette glass recycling
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Upcoming HHW event
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Review Draft EGLE Rural Electronics Grant Report
 - B. 2024 Scrap Tire Grant application - with Eaton County (due by September 15)
 - 1. dates
 - 2. # trailers per event
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Chairman Comment
- XI. Member Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attached documents:

Attachment 1: August 11 Draft Minutes

Attachment 2: August Recycling Coordinator Report

Attachment 3: Draft EGLE Rural Electronics Grant Report

2023 HHW Collection: September 23 at Barry Expo Center

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

TYDEN CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, HASTINGS MI

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023 * SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME (OF COMMITTEE MEMBER)

1. Fran Fitch
2. Jodi Fessell
3. Jay VanSice
4. CRAB STANBURY
5. David Hatfield
6. Vanice Lewis Hedges
7. JIM BROWN.
8. Tom Rook
9. Don Johnson
10. Tom Mawson
11. _____
12. _____

EXCUSED

1. CATHERINE GETTY
2. SARAH
3. _____
4. _____

GUEST

1. JERRIE FIALA
2. Rachel Frantz
3. _____
4. _____