

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes October 13th, 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
Don Johnson
Jodi Pessell
Jim Brown
Jay VanStee
Craig Stolsonburg

Members Absent:

Matt Rosser
Sarah Moyer-Cale
Tom Rook
David Hatfield
Catherine Getty

Members of the Public:

Rachel Frantz
Jerrie Fiala

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, we'll proceed with agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Per Chairman Fiala, since we do not have a quorum present, approval of the September 8th meeting minutes will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Recycling Coordinator Report (Rachel Frantz)

See Recycling Coordinator Report September 2023 (emailed to the committee on 10/09/23).

Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's Report August 2023 (emailed to the committee on 10/09/23).

Old Business: Fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event Recap

Jodi Pessell said that everything went well, all of the volunteers showed up and the football team worked out great (again). We had some really huge tires that came in, but we were able to figure out a way to get them handled. She also mentioned that the grounds person at the Expo said that if that ever have tires that we are unable to load into the trailer, that he is around on Monday mornings and he can load them with help from other people around there if needed. Overall, she feels everything went very well and according to our tire counts we collected 1,345 tires (this includes all tires).

Jay VanStee expressed that he observed (and that has been percolating in his mind for a while), we call this the "Household Hazardous Waste Event," but clearly, we are getting some very large tractor tires that aren't household (let's be honest, these are straight up farm tires that farms a business). So, there is an argument to

Old Business: Fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event Recap (Continued)

be made that we are in fact subsidizing businesses by accepting these large tires and frankly they represent a risk of injury as some of these tires weight 200-300lbs. We've been fortunate enough to get the Expo Center help us load them on occasion, although at other times we have had Health Department employees driving the tractor (which he is not comfortable with). The football players again were able to gang up on these tires and load them in the trailers, but he just perceives the risk of one of them flipping over backwards or something, so there is a liability risk there that we need to recognize and consider whether or not we should really be accepting large farm/tractor tires. Clearly, we don't have a quorum present, so he isn't expecting any decisions to be made today, but he just wanted to share his view and ask for some further discussion on it before the next collection.

Chairman Fiala thought the Thornapple Kellogg Football Team was phenomenal and he has spoken with Catherine Getty a little bit about this; she would like to have him, herself and maybe Craig Stolsonburg go in front of the School Board to talk about the football players volunteering. The coaches mentioned they would like to have some sort of public service recognition for them as well. Chairman Fiala also shared that he was a little disappointed with the volumes as he thought in general all the volumes were down (more than he anticipated they would be), but other than that he thought this was another excellent event.

Jodi Pessell stated that Drug & Laboratory always asks if there is a dumpster for cardboard (to get recycled) and she wondered if this is something we need to look into as it would make sense to have at least one (1) present at the event. Chairman Fiala stated asked Don Johnson if we could possibly get a container from Waste Management specifically for cardboard (obviously we would pay for it) since they donated a container for waste at this last event. Don replied that he would have to look into, but he did say that if the cardboard is broken down so that it would fit in his dump trailer, he would be willing to load it up on that and take it to Waste Management's cardboard box.

New Business: Recycling Report to Board of Commissioners (BOC)

See Recycling Report to BOC (emailed to the committee on 10/09/23).

Chairman Fiala asked Rachel Frantz to confirm that she puts together a HHW report with the sharps, medicine and all the volumes & everything that we collected at the event; she confirmed she does this report and for this last event, she is just waiting on the oil and electronic numbers. She also wanted to mention that the presentation that was emailed to everyone was not the complete presentation; for some reason it skipped every other page so we are only seeing half of the pages, not the full report.

Rachel Frantz also confirmed that she is working on the Annual Report for the BOC as well. However, the recycling report presentation is really more focused on Materials Management Planning, so she thought she would do the Annual Report separate since that is usually based on the calendar year.

Public Comment

None.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala just wanted to share that a lot of Road Commissions have difficulty with dead deer along the roads and not many of them do as we do at the Solid Waste Oversight Committee & Sherriff's Office and at a recent County Road Commission Meeting, it was presented that there is a company here in Michigan that has a proposal out and they would like to come to Barry County to pick up the deer; they would charge \$60.00 per deer. So, he requested that Rachel Frantz contact the Sherriff's Department to see if she can find out the cost

Chairman Comments (Continued)

per year as well as how many deer are picked up per year. Years ago, he said we used to do budget increments of \$10,000.00 for the Sherriff's Department to do that and then when they would use that up, we would just give them another \$10,000.00 more. We haven't received any reports on that in a while and he has no idea how many dead deer are picked up in a year; so, he would like to get an idea first to determine whether or not this is something worth pursuing.

Rachel Frantz shared that as far as Materials Management Planning, the Notice of Intent is really all that we are waiting for and that will come in the form of a Survey Monkey to the BOC. She did ask Michael Brown to let her know as soon as the Board receives that and so far, he has not informed her that they have. It was supposed to be done at the beginning of September and then it was changed to October, so she isn't really sure when it will come out. However, once it does come out, then that starts the clock and that is why she wanted to get this presentation in front of the BOC this month, so that they can be refreshed on what she will be asking them to do. She did get some more information from the last meeting she attended; the BOC will accept or reject the position of County Approval Agency, which would make them responsible for the early planning, the implementation of that Plan as well as appoint the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) and the Materials Management Planning Committee. So, that really falls on them to do as the County; however, she thinks it is very important that we provide them with some guidance so they have an idea of what we are looking for in the Planning Committee Members and she will go over that with them during the presentation.

Rachel Frantz also shared that during an EGLE meeting, it was stated that the DPA could be a group such as the Department of Public Works, so she wondered if our DPA could then possibly be the Solid Waste Oversight Committee. However, she did confirm that currently EGLE has Michael Brown listed as the DPA (as well as herself), but she imagines the BOC will appoint just her as the DPA (and not Michael Brown) as the DPA is the one who writes the Plan and she can't imagine that Michael has time for that.

Member Comments

Don Johnson – None.

Jodi Pessell – None.

Jim Brown – None.

Jay VanStee – None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:33 a.m.

Approved at the 12-08-2023 meeting

September 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 the September 8 SWOC meeting and gave a written and verbal report.
- *Administer the County's Solid Waste mini-grant program and provide technical assistance to applicants*
 - Closed out mini grant for Yankee Springs Recycling Committee, submitted request for payment from county and Community Foundation (9/8)
- *On behalf of the SWOC, report to the County Board of Commissioners to provide program updates*
 - Created presentation for next BOC report
- *Coordinate with neighboring county recycling programs*
 - Met virtually with Allegan Co 9/29 (see below)
- *Serve as a representative in recycling user groups*
 - Attended Incorporating Motivational Messaging for Recycling Education and Outreach webinar (9/27)
 - Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyKOMG-9gc0>
 - News
 - Group urges Congress to ban EPS foodservice items. The group recently published a report and announced a campaign called "What The Foam," which aims to push U.S. lawmakers to impose a national ban on foam foodware. The report noted that 11 states and Washington, D.C. will have foam bans in place in the next few years, not including bans that have already been imposed by local governments.
<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2023/09/06/group-urges-congress-to-ban-eps-foodservice-items/>
 - The first working draft of the United Nations' global plastics agreement lays out the broad strokes of what is intended to be a legally binding way to manage plastic pollution on land and in the oceans.
<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2023/09/06/first-draft-of-global-plastics-agreement-released/>
 - Waste Management handled 465,000 tons of scrap plastic bales in 2022
<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2023/09/06/wm-provides-details-on-its-plastics-management/>
 - Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$511,502 in Michigan Recycling Infrastructure Projects Through Investing in America Agenda
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-invests-511502-michigan-recycling-infrastructure-projects>
 - "Beginning Sept. 14, Walmart started selling 24- and 28-count packs of forks, knives, spoons and assorted cutlery in 1,400 stores nationwide and online, with hopes to expand to more stores in the future. The product packaging features a BPI logo and states that the product is "commercially compostable only" and "facilities may not exist in your area."
https://www.packagingdive.com/news/walmart-great-value-compostable-cutlery-bpi/694278/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202023-09-22%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:54780%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive

Solid Waste (Materials) Management Planning

- *Assist with Materials Management Planning at the direction of the SWOC*
 - Kent County put out a call for MMPC members in their DPW update 9/12
<https://mailchi.mp/23e4063295c4/spring-cleaning-board-updates-and-more-5425173?e=8d02c66d4e> with application links on county website, <https://www.accesskent.com/BoardAppointments/viewPostings.action>
 - Attended MMP workgroup meeting 9/20 via zoom
 - Had meeting with new Allegan Resource Recovery staff (9/29) to discuss multi-county MMPs and Barry County's SWOTs (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

- *Assist with Household Hazardous Waste collection events under the direction of the BEDHD and the SWOC*
 - Submitted EGLE Rural Electronic Recycling Grant Report to EGLE 9/14
 - 20231015 Barry County Semiannual Progress Report Narrative
 - Worked with ERR and Padnos to coordinate trailers for 9/23 event
 - Assisted with trailer drops for 9/23 HHW
 - Led electronics collection at 9/23 HHW
 - Collected and deposited \$1,080 in donations to Barry County Treasurer
 - Submitted scrap tire report documents to Eaton County
 - Requested manifest from ERR for 9/23 collection

Recycling Outreach and Education to County Residents

- *Write educational articles and press releases*
 - Wrote and published *Don't Let This Halloween Go to Waste* in the Hastings Reminder (9/30)
- *Produce printed materials. Once SWOC-approved, print and distribute these materials*
 - Put out printed disposal guides outside of the Secretary of State and Barry Conservation District offices.
- *Maintain and serve as the primary contact for the website: barrycountyrecycles.org and social media pages: Facebook and YouTube*
 - Emails
 - 9/19 - Resident asking about TV specifications for electronics collection
 - 9/19 - Resident asking about acceptance of sharps containers at HHW
 - 9/20 - Resident asking if tires with rims will be accepted at HHW
 - 9/21 - A & B Costanza Farms asked for a quote for recycling bailed field plastic
 - Directed them to Eaton County Ag Plastics program
 - 10/3 - Resident asking about disposal of fiberglass
- *Produce online/electronic content to be published on the website and social media*
 - Published three social media posts to advertise HHW and report on electronics collections on BCR Facebook page
 - Created Halloween/Fall theme posts to go out in October on social media to compliment Reminder column
- *Coordinate volunteer efforts as needed*
 - Coordinated new volunteers for the electronics collection (9/23)
- *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*
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- *Work with community groups to promote recycling awareness in the local schools*
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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
 - Initiate and/or advises on cooperative programs between the SWOC and LUGs

Environmental Rubber Recycling
6515 North Dort Highway
Flint MI 48505

Invoice Number:	00014974
Invoice Date:	9/27/2023
Customer No:	EATO13
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TERMS: Due on or before 10/27/2023

Bill To:

Eaton County Resource Recovery 1045 Independence Blvd Charlotte MI 48813
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INVOICE

Item Number	Description	Units	QTY	Unit Price	Ext. Price
TF-53	53 ft Trailer 9/22/23 Barry Co	Each	1.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TF-PASS	Additional Passenger Tires 9/22/23	Each	500.00	\$3.00	\$1,500.00
TF-53	53 ft Trailer 9/21/23 Barry Co	Each	1.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TF-PASS	Additional Passenger Tires 9/21/23	Each	500.00	\$3.00	\$1,500.00
TF-53	53 ft Trailer 9/21/23 Barry Co	Each	1.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TF-PASS	Passenger Tires	Each	500.00	\$3.00	\$1,500.00

Subtotal	\$9,000.00
Admin Cost	\$0.00
Tax	\$0.00
Freight	\$0.00
Total	\$9,000.00