

# **BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Barry-Eaton District Health Department  
330 W. Woodlawn Ave, Hastings, MI

## **Approved Meeting Minutes April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Frank Fiala called the meeting of the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **Members in Attendance:**

Frank Fiala  
Jodi Pessell  
Tom Rook  
Jim Brown  
Duane Weeks  
Jay VanStee (attending for Regina Young)  
Steve Essling  
Brent Cowan

### **Members Absent:**

Ben Geiger  
Regina Young  
Sarah Nelson  
Jerry Czarnecki

### **Members of the Public:**

Jerrie Fiala  
Sarah Archer  
Eric Shafer

### **Approval of Agenda**

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes made by Jim Brown, seconded by Tom Rook and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Chairman Comments**

Per Chairman Fiala, three important topics that he would like to discuss are: (1) the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) event that will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, (2) Sarah Archer, the Recycling Coordinator, and the things that she is doing and what we might do when her contract expires with us in a couple of months and (3) Jim Brown has been wrestling with some recycling facilities, real estate property and potential grants and I have asked him to give us an update on his potential thinking of anything positive we can do to expand recycling.

### **Printing Of Recycling And Hazardous Waste Guide**

Per Sarah Archer, Sarah Nelson was going to schedule an appointment for the two of them to meet with Fred Jacobs of J-Ad Graphics and there was some miscommunication and Fred went on vacation so they did not end up meeting with him. So, they are currently waiting for him to return so they can get a meeting scheduled with him. Since we still have a bunch of the outdated Recycling and Hazardous Waste Guides left, Chairman Fiala suggested that we put a label on these stating "a new updated guide available on [barrycountyrecycles.org](http://barrycountyrecycles.org)" and hand those out at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event.

## **Recycling Coordinator Program Report**

Sarah Archer stated that the HHW flyer has been added to the recycling website and the To-Go-Zero Guide (Recycling and Hazardous Waste Guide) is also available on the website. As part of the meeting with J-Ad, she will be talking with them about getting some more regular articles in the paper as she hasn't had much success with that.

Following the Recycling Forum that was held at the end of February, she has received resolutions of support from Thornapple Township, Hastings Township, Village of Freeport, Yankee Springs Township, City of Hastings and Village of Middleville. She will be doing more follow-up with the townships and local units that she has not yet heard back from.

Sarah Archer stated she did attend a couple of events, one was a Rotary presentation back in March that was very well received; she also attended the Barry County Science Fest at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute and they had a couple of activities for the children to participate in.

Interestingly, since the Recycling Forum held at the end of February, their calls and inquiries from the website and to the hotline have started to pick-up.

She also wanted to mention that the Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference is coming up and this committee is a member of that group so we would be able to receive member rates to attend if anyone is interested. There is one particular session that she would like to point out and that is on Solid Planning; even though Part 115 has not been passed or reintroduced, it is liable and the DEQ is still working at the current administration on moving that forward. So, they will be having a session to just kind of talk about what that is going to mean for the counties when that bill goes through. There is registration just for the day that it is on and it is \$125.00, but they do have scholarships available. Chairman Fiala requested that Sarah Archer bring back any information she can regarding that to this committee.

Per Sarah Archer, we have done all this research and groundwork and now we can actually work towards making something happen. Also, just looking at getting more data as this is one of the places that we were really struggling with in the span of time that we had.

## **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Per Chairman Fiala, we have the Tire Grant in place with Eaton County and Yankee Springs Township Board has again asked if we could take the tires that they collect from there event, which is on May 4<sup>th</sup> (the very same day as our event) as we have in the past and he don't think we need much more in terms of that. They are going to finish their event about 1:00 pm in the afternoon, which is about the same time our event will wrap up, so he will take responsibility for getting volunteers there to count and load the tires onto the trailers. Per Jodi Pessell, the only issue with that is from what she remembers is that Elk Distributing Tire Company sits there through the whole event, then they load up and leave with the trailers; they don't leave the trailers for the weekend so she will call the tire company to inquire about this to make sure about this.

Per Jodi Pessell, the event is all set ready to go; the advertisement is out in both The Banner and The Reminder and it is the same set-up as always. The spring is usually a busier time so we really need volunteers to count and load the tires because we don't have as many workers from the Health Department this time going out. We have about two (2) Reserve Officers, 5 (five) or 6 (six) Police Cadets that are going to be helping with the oil and traffic control. She has a meeting next week with Officers from the jail to see how many people they can bring to work at the event. Per Chairman Fiala, Jeff Mansfield ran interference with the committee and the City of Hastings and paid a few of their employees their regular rates to work at the event and that worked out pretty well. So, he would make the suggestion that Jodi Pessell get with Jeff Mansfield from the City of Hastings to see if we could

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Continued)

get like may be 4 (four) people to do tires since it worked out so well in the past when we did that.

Per Sarah Archer, DEQ just issued a grant for electronics, they are looking to actually move more rural areas into drop-off so they are providing some money for counties to establish these drop-offs. The deadline for the first round was April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 so we missed that, but the next deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. They know that people have an event scheduled for this year so the money can be used to help pay for the disposal or the processing of the CRT monitors and the LED monitors only, not the other parts of it. Ultimately at the end of the a two (2) year period they want to actually have a permanent location established, so you would accept that grant funding knowing that you are going to establish a permanent site which means really one (1) day a month is enough as long as it is on a regular basis to be considered a permanent location. It would also pay for a storage building or what have you to establish an area to collect those materials so that a registered DEQ vendor can come to get those things.

Chairman Fiala has appointed a committee to look at the electronics CRT recycling and those committee members are Brent Cowan, Eric Shafer, Sarah Archer and Jodi Pessell.

### Member Comments

**Jodi Pessell** – None.

**Steve Essling** – today is his last day working for Waste Management and Eric Shafer is going to take over in his absence. He would just like to say thank everyone on this committee for their service.

**Tom Rook** – they are having their tire drop-off on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Orangeville Township. Thank you to Steve Essling and all his hard work he has done on this committee.

**Jim Brown** – thanks to Steve Essling for hanging on this long and congratulations on your retirement.

**Duane Weeks** – Congratulation to Steve Essling on his retirement.

**Jay VanStee** – None.

**Brent Cowan** – glad to be on this committee; hopefully we can learn some things and make things work for everybody.

### Public Comments

**Eric Shafer** – one of the many things that many people don't know is that Waste Management's subsidiary, Recycle America, is (other than the metal companies) the largest recycling company at least in the United States of those items that we all recycle in our drop-offs. So, we have a huge interest in making sure trying to figure out what the technologies are that are going to improve the contamination situation. As a person sitting here in this county, he will do his best to help out with whatever we can.

**Jerrie Fiala** – she is impressed with everyone and all they do regarding the complexity of all the problems related recycling.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 10:03 a.m.

Approved at the 06-14-2019 meeting

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

## SIGN-IN

APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

### NAME

1. FRANK FIALA BCRL
2. JERRIE FIALA GUEST
3. JODI PERSELL NEHA
4. TOM ROOK
5. JIM BROWN HCT
6. PRANE WUKS Village of Mableton
7. ERIC SHAFER WM
8. Jay Vaaske BEDHD
9. Steve Essling WM
10. Brent Cowan PADNOS-Hastings
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### GUEST

1. Sarah Archer
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# **BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI**

## **AGENDA**

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. PRINTING OF RECYCLING AND HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE**
- 7. RECYCLING COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORT**
- 8. HOUSEHOLD HAZAROUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**
- 9. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Barry County SWOC**  
**Recycling Program Report – April 12, 2019**  
**Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.**

The following is a summary of activity during March 2019

**Phase 2 – Early Implementation Phase – January - June 2018**

**Activity 4 – Webpage Development and Content Management**

Website

Added

- Added the Household Hazardous Waste flier to the News and Events page and the Household Hazardous Waste pages.

In Progress

- 2GO Zero Guide (Quick Reference Guide) – breaking down by material to add to specific pages on website

**Activity 5 – Develop a Low/No Budget Education and Marketing Plan**

- Continued outreach to Hastings Banner re: recycling article submission

**Phase 3 – Secondary Implementation Phase – July 2018 - June 2019**

**Activities 1-3 – Research similar programs, strategies, collaborations and funding sources to support recycling and waste diversion in Barry County**

- Recycling Forum – Resolutions of Support received from:
  - Thornapple Township
  - Hastings Charter Township
  - Village of Freeport
  - Yankee Springs Township
- Research and discussion about potential opportunities in region
- Next Steps
  - Report/Recommendations to SWOC – May meeting

**Public Education**

**Presentations and Events**

- Hastings Rotary Presentation – Monday, March 4 – Walldorff Banquet Center
- Barry County Science Fest Exhibit/Activity Booth – Saturday, March 23 – Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

**Hotline and Email Activity**

- 15 inquiries from residents via the 2GO Zero Hotline and/or via email [recycle@barrycounty.org](mailto:recycle@barrycounty.org)

**Other**

- Michigan DEQ Announced Rural Electronics Recycling Grant Program  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/WHMD-Electronic-Recycling-Grants\\_650079\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/WHMD-Electronic-Recycling-Grants_650079_7.pdf)
  - Objective to establish permanent electronics recycling drop-off sites in northern lower and upper peninsula of Michigan within 2 years of receiving grant award

- 25% local match of total grant budget. General administrative staff time (60%), indirect costs, and in-kind services can be used as matching funds towards collection site projects.
- Permanent site must be open to public no less than 4 hours of one day per month
- Funding is only to offset costs of collecting and recycling CRT televisions and monitors, LCD and LED televisions and monitors.
- Can be used for collection events this year as long as final outcome at end of grant period is the establishment of a permanent drop-off site.
- Funding application – two grant periods
  - March 17 – April 5, 2019 (for spring and summer 2019 events)
  - May 6 – August 1, 2019
- Michigan Recycling Coalition Annual Conference – May 14-16, 2019 Ann Arbor Sheraton
  - Recommended session for Counties: *Ready. Set. Plan.* – Thursday, May 16 10:30 am – Noon
    - Presentation by Christina Miller, DEQ provides comprehensive explanation of changes to Michigan Solid Waste law.
    - Session Description: Planning for disposal is a thing of the past. With a fully funded program and a renewed mission, wholesale changes to Michigan solid waste laws, Part 115, are next. County Planning requires local governments and private sector partners to work together to assure capacity is in place to manage materials at the end of their useful life but hasn't been deployed in 20 years. With the expectation of passage this year, gain a comprehensive understanding of the changes to Michigan solid waste law that will update and reinvigorate the County Planning process. With these anticipated changes, learn what tools and resources are being developed to support County Materials Management Planning and move Michigan beyond disposal.
  - Thursday only member registration cost is \$125. A limited number of scholarships are available.
  - Full conference program is available at [www.michiganrecycles.org](http://www.michiganrecycles.org)