

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes December 10th, 2021

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 in Attendance:

Jim Brown
Frank Fiala
Jay VanStee
Jodi Pessell
Patricia Rayl
Matt Rosser
Bruce Campbell
Sarah Nelson
Sarah Moyer-Cole
Bill Sweeney
Vivian Conner
Tom Rook

Members Absent:

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala
Rachel Frantz

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 5th, 2021 meeting minutes made by Patricia Rayl, seconded by Jay VanStee and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Per Chairman Fiala, the Recycling Coordinator contract expires in May or June 2022 and when we have service providers (which he considers this to be a service), he had the impression that we can just chose to select the vendor that we wanted to provide the service as opposed to going out for another Request For Proposal (RFP). He feels like it just wouldn't make a lot of sense to go out for another RFP and potentially bring in a brand new person to have to plow through all the ground that we have already done; it just doesn't logically make sense to him. However, he is only one (1) of 12 people on this committee, so he would like to discuss on how this committee thinks we should proceed. Per Jay VanStee, from his perspective, we need to whatever it takes to keep this going as the current Recycling Coordinator has made way more progress than this committee has been able to make in the past; he feels Rachel Frantz is doing a fantastic job and he couldn't be happier. So, the question that needs to be answered then is do we (this committee) have to do an RFP. Chairman Fiala will discuss this with Michael Brown sometime before next

Chairman Comments (Continued)

month's meeting and this will be included as an agenda item for that meeting so the committee can discuss further at that time.

Budget/Trial Balance Update (Pattie Rayl)

Per Patricia Rayl, she brought a few copies of the most current SWOC Budget/Trial Balance Report to share with the committee. As of the end of October 2021, we have used 47.62% of the committee's budget, so we are doing very well. Chairman Fiala stated that year-to-date income from tipping fees is about \$71,000.00 and this was confirmed by Patricia Rayl. She also confirmed that the current fund balance is around \$217,000.00. **Motion to approve the October 2021 Trial Balance/Revenue Status Report as presented by Patricia Rayl made by Bruce Campbell, seconded by Jay VanStee and the report was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Household Hazardous Waste Dates 2022 - Drug & Laboratory New Contract Fee Summary (Jodi Pessell)

Jodi Pessell stated that she requested the dates of May 7th & September 17th, 2022 with Drug & Laboratory and they sent back something for us to sign (forwarded to Frank Fiala & Rachel Frantz), which had a \$1,500.00 site fee that we have never seen before in there. Jodi Pessell inquired about what this new site fee of \$1,500.00 is for and Drug & Laboratory said that the site fee is a set-up fee to help absorb the transportation and labor costs associated with the event. Drug & Laboratory said they had to charge this to all the counties do to the high cost of fuel and associated transportation costs. So, she needs to know if the committee wants to go ahead and move forward with Drug & Laboratory for the HHW events for next year. Jay VanStee expressed that Drug & Laboratory runs a pretty tight ship, they have been pretty easy to work with and we have used them several times in the past so they know what they are doing. Jodi Pessell also expressed that they book there events in advance, so if we aren't going to go with them, then we are going to have to really look into another company as soon as possible. Chairman Fiala and the rest of the committee members were in agreement to proceed with Drug & Laboratory for now and we'll just keep an eye on the expenses because it seems they keep increasing every year. Jodi Pessell stated she also been in touch with the Barry County Expo Center to check on these dates as well, but she is still waiting to hear back from them with confirmation. **Motion to authorize Jodi Pessell to finalize the tentative dates of May 7th & September 17th, 2022 and to continue to use Drug & Laboratory for the two (2) events for 2022 made by Frank Fiala, seconded by Sarah Nelson and approved by a unanimous vote.**

Recycling Coordinator

See Recycling Coordinator November 2021 Report (report was emailed to committee on 12/03/21).

Member Comments

Jodi Pessell – None.

Matt Rosser – having a Recycling Coordinator is going way better than he envisioned it would; the reports are always very thorough & detailed and she is doing an excellent job.

Jim Brown – as far as education, we should be doing a lot more, especially directly with the elementary schools. If anybody is going to make the adults do something right it's going to be the children. Personally he thinks about 90% of our "education" is getting the public to do the right thing for recycling

Sarah Moyer-Cole – None.

Bill Sweeney – None.

Jay VanStee – None.

Member Comments (Continued)

Patricia Rayl – Rachel Frantz is doing a great job and she really likes the idea of having a Recycling Coordinator as it has been very helpful, it's like a night and day difference. She is so happy that Rachel Frantz is on board.

Sarah Nelson – None.

Tom Rook – None.

Vivian Conner – None.

Bruce Campbell – he made copies of the HHW Event Summary handout that Rachel Frantz created and presented it to the Commissioners during the meeting and it was received very well; they were actually in kind of “aww” when they seen the amounts and totals.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 10:08 a.m.

Approved at the MM-DD-YYYY meeting

November 2021 Report

Program administration- signed and submitted contract, dated by County as 6/1/21

Recycling Coordinator Task Deliverables

Administrative Assistance to the Solid Waste Oversight Committee (SWOC)

- *Attends SWOC committee and subcommittee meetings*
 - Attended SWOC meeting, no subcommittee meetings
- *Provides monthly progress reports to the SWOC*
 - Provided written monthly report at SWOC meeting
- *Assists the SWOC chair and treasurer in budget development and administration*
 - No activity this period
- *On behalf of the SWOC, reports to the County Board of Commissioners to provide program updates*
 - Provided copy of Fall 2021 HHW Summary to Bruce Campbell to distribute at next BOC meeting.
- *At the direction of the SWOC, communicates and coordinates with neighboring county recycling programs as needed*
 - Talked with Sarah Kelly, Calhoun County, about MMCE grant
- *At the direction of the SWOC, serves as a representative in recycling user groups, for example the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC) and regional subgroups*
 - Attended National Recycling Congress Virtual Conference November 3-4
 - [Conference Notes](#)
 - *Resource Recycling News:*
 - [Cohoes Rolling Out Expanded Recycling Program with New 65 Gallon Carts and Year-Long Outreach and Education Program - The Recycling Partnership](#)
 - [Aluminum can producers to lobby for deposit legislation - Resource Recycling \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
 - [Marshall Recycling Center reopens next Tuesday with new hours | WTVB | 1590 AM · 95.5 FM | The Voice of Branch County \(wtvbam.com\)](#)
 - [With revenues soaring, WM and others invest in processing - Resource Recycling \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
 - [EPA publishes finalized National Recycling Strategy - Resource Recycling \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
 - [Amazon rolls out recyclable packaging for cold-chain grocery orders | Grocery Dive](#) “The company's shift to insulated packaging that can be thrown away via curbside recycling bins will replace 735,000 pounds of plastic film, 3.15 million pounds of natural cotton fiber and 15 million pounds of non-recyclable mixed plastic annually, Landry said”
 - Pilot program in Ohio that targets multi family homes for recycling. Paid for with grant funds and community match. [Columbus trying to increase recycling at apartments, condominiums \(dispatch.com\)](#)
 - New legislation would strengthen Alberta’s waste management approach to help create jobs and keep plastics in the economy instead of creating environmental waste. [Improving Alberta’s waste management approach | alberta.ca](#) “Right now, and for too long, municipalities and taxpayers have been shouldering the burden of collecting, sorting, processing and recycling waste. We’re moving Alberta forward with legislation that will make producers of the waste responsible for the system in a way that creates a big opportunity to diversify the plastics economy.” Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
 - *Escrap News:*
 - [US allows software break-ins to repair devices - E-Scrap News \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
 - *Plastics Recycling News:*
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 - *MRC updates:*
 - [Meijer Brings Recycled Plastic Bags Full Circle to Michigan Store Parking Lot in Pilot Program Using Dow Technology - Waste Advantage Magazine](#)