

# BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

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

## Approved Meeting Minutes December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### 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  
Jim Brown  
Sarah Nelson  
Bill Sweeney  
Tom Rook  
Matt Roser  
Patricia Rayl

### Members Absent:

Jerry Czarnecki  
Jay VanStee  
Vivian Conner  
Ben Geiger

### Members of the Public:

### Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, he would like to modify the agenda with the addition of Jim Brown discussing information regarding a Recycling Coordinator (add to agenda after Chairman Comments). **Motion to approve the agenda as modified made by Tom Rook, seconded by Jim Brown and the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes made by Tom Rook and seconded by Jim Brown. Roll Call Vote: Frank Fiala – Yes, Jodi Pessell – Yes, Jim Brown – Yes, Sarah Nelson – Yes, Bill Sweeney – Yes, Tom Rook – Yes, Matt Roser – Yes. Motion carried.**

### Public Comments

None.

### Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala would like to thank everyone for their attendance at these meetings as we continue to move forward.

### Jim Brown – Recycling Coordinator

Jim Brown stated that he had planned to have something to present to the Committee at this meeting, but he has a few questions that he needs to get squared away first before doing this, so he should have this ready at next month's meeting. He would like to know if he put in a proposal for himself to be the Recycling Coordinator if anyone on this committee would think that would be a conflict of interest on anything he would do outside of this group. Chairman Fiala stated that from his perspective that is really a question for Michael Brown, Barry County Administrator. Chairman Fiala asked Jim Brown if he would be doing this an individual entity, as a township or as a member of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee? Jim Brown stated that if this proposal did go through and he became the Recycling Coordinator then he would resign from his position on this committee (which is representing the General Public) because he personally thinks that it would be a conflict of interest. Chairman Fiala replied that if he resigns from this committee then anything he does with the Township or the outside, he would not consider that as a conflict of interest. However, again, those are really questions for Michael Brown and the attorneys.

### **Jim Brown – Recycling Coordinator (Continued)**

Jim Brown stated that if he were to submit a proposal to be the Recycling Coordinator, initially it would be a two (2) year program with either himself or the Board expressing that the arrangement is not working within that first year. He also stated that he has thought about the function & tasks of this and he has drafted about a four (4) page proposal outlining all of these things. Sarah Nelson expressed that the committee should put out a new updated Request For Proposal (RFP) for a Recycling Coordinator and then once that is out, Jim Brown could then submit his proposal to the committee. Jodi Pessell shared that she is in agreement with Sarah Nelson's comment about the RFP.

**Motion for the committee to draft up a new updated RFP for a Recycling Coordinator at next month's regularly scheduled meeting to be held 01/08/21 made by Jim Brown and seconded by Tom Rook. Roll Call Vote: Frank Fiala – Yes, Jodi Pessell – Yes, Jim Brown – Yes, Saran Nelson – Yes, Bill Sweeney – Yes, Tom Rook – Yes, Matt Roser – Yes, Patricia Rayl - Yes. Motion carried.**

### **Strategic Planning**

Per Chairman Fiala, the Strategic Planning Processing has been temporarily put on hold for now and the committee will primarily focus on the RFP for a Recycling Coordinator at next month's meeting.

### **Member Comments**

**Jodi Pessell – None.**

**Jim Brown –** Morgan Feldpausch from Eaton County got ahold of him the other day; the State of Michigan is looking at trying to find a place or a program for collection storage in the logistics on Marine and agricultural plastic. About 8 (eight) or 9 (nine) years ago he did a pilot study on marine plastics and if you knew the amount of plastic that goes into the landfills every year from those two (2) things it would make you sick. She is starting to see what can be done over there and he informed her that he would be more than happy to work with her on this since he has a file folder on this regarding the marine plastics that he did.

**Saran Nelson – None.**

**Bill Sweeney – None.**

**Tom Rook – None.**

**Matt Roser – None.**

**Patricia Rayl – None.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:30 a.m.

Approved at the 01-08-2021 meeting

**BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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

**AGENDA**

**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS
6. STRATEGIC PLANNING
7. MEMBER COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

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**SIGN-IN**

**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

NAME (Members Present on Zoom meeting)

1. Frank Fiala

2. Jodi Pessell

3. Jim Brown

4. Sarah Nelson

5. Bill Sweeney

6. Tom Rook

7. Matt Raser

8. Patricia Rayl

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**EXCUSED**

**GUEST**

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