

# **BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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

## **Approved Meeting Minutes February 14<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  
Matt Roser  
Tom Rook  
Vivian Conner  
Sarah Nelson  
Jim Brown  
Jay VanStee  
Ben Geiger (attended via phone)

### **Members Absent:**

Brent Cowan  
Jerry Czarnecki  
Duane Weeks

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

Jerrie Fiala

### **Approval of Agenda**

Per Chairman Fiala, we will proceed with agenda as presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes made by Tom Rook, seconded by Jodi Pessell and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Chairman Comments**

Chairman Fiala expressed that Sarah Nelson has done a phenomenal job in leading the Strategic Planning process for this committee.

### **Strategic Planning (Led By Sarah Nelson)**

Please see document provided for Strategic Planning 2020.

### **Member Comments**

**Jodi Pessell – None.**

**Matt Roser – None.**

**Tom Rook – None.**

**Vivian Conner– None.**

**Jay VanStee– None.**

**Member Comments (Continued)**

**Sarah Nelson** – Faces of Conservation will be next Friday, February 21, 2020

**Jim Brown** – he met with the new Eaton County Recycling Director and is waiting to hear back on what it would take for Hastings Township to use their facility to get things started.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:46 a.m.

Approved at the 03-13-2020 meeting

# Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee Strategic Planning 2020

## Agenda

Plan on 30-45 minutes at each meeting for three meetings.

Item	Dates	
1 Ground rules	1/10	
2 Strengths- achievements since 2015, what are we good at	1/10	
3 Weaknesses- what could we improve	1/10	
4 Opportunities- where might we go?	2/14	
5 Threats- what might stand in our way? Barriers to success.	2/14	
6 Future- what are we proud of having become by 2025?	2/14	
7 Action- what can we do in 2020 to work toward (not accomplish) our 2025 vision?	2/14	
8 Set objectives to reach goal(s) in #7	3/13	} These can be generic- a subcommittee can flesh out a draft plan to bring back to the April meeting
9 Set strategies to reach objectives in #8	3/13	
10 Set an action plan with deliverables for strategies in #9	3/13	

## 1. Ground Rules

Do:

- Set an agenda for each session and stick to it
- Participate fully and be engaged
- Have knowledgeable people present
- One hour max. per session
- Start and end on time. Manage time well.
- Prioritize items and stay focused.
- Hand out materials ahead of time.
- Set timelines.
- Respect one another.
- Get support through consensus.

Do not:

- Let one participant or a few dominate the conversation.
- Lack a strong sense of purpose.
- Have a hidden agenda.
- Lose focus.
- Be indecisive.

## 2. Strengths

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
  - Planning with BEDHD
  - Promotion and advertising
  - Staffing and collaboration
  - Committee buy-in and support
- Recycling grant program
- Deer pickup program
- Extended landfill timeline/WM host community agreement
- Hired a coordinator
  - Website

### 3. Weaknesses

- Outreach
  - With the community
    - Website updates
    - Printed materials
  - With local governments
  - With the County Board of Commissioners
    - Periodic written reports
    - Annual report with presentation
- Internal communication and discussion- not communicating enough/well enough
- Need to move toward less implementation and more oversight
- Need to have clear objectives and stay focused
- Need to have a clear timeline for actions

### 4. Opportunities

- More township recycling drop-offs in “cold zones”
- Electronics recycling/drop-off
- Recycling education- flyers, website, inserts for existing newsletters or other publications (taxes etc.), outreach to kids
- Partner with Sunfield
- Build our own MERF in Barry County
- County-wide curbside recycling
- Mobile recycling collection station
- Township/LUG-wide recycling contracts

### 5. Threats/Obstacles

- Lack of money
- No MERF
- No real SWOC staff
  - Rely on volunteers and BEDHD
- Lack of public understanding/knowledge/education on recycling and its **intrinsic** value
- Current poor market conditions
- Politics
- Attitudes

### 6. Future vision

- In 2025, we are proud of having become a provider of a recycling option for each township.
- In 2025, we are proud of having become a catalyst for stopping a “throwaway society”
- In 2025, we are proud of having become a facilitator for convenient recycling available to anyone in the county.
- In 2025, we are proud of having become a catalyst to allow Barry County haulers to be accommodated by a local MERF.

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

## SIGN-IN

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

### NAME

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|-----|---------------|------------------|
| 1.  | FRANK FIALVA  | BCRC             |
| 2.  | JERRIE FIALVA | PUBLIC           |
| 3.  | Jodi Pessell  | MEHA Rep.        |
| 4.  | MATT Rosser   | Waste Management |
| 5.  | Tom Row       | Supervisors      |
| 6.  | Vivian Conner | Commissioner     |
| 7.  | Sara Nelson   | BCD              |
| 8.  | Jim Brown     | HCA -            |
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### GUEST

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

## **AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 14<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 (LED BY SARAH NELSON)**
- 7. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES:**

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**