

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes February 8th, 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
Regina Young
Tom Rook
Jodi Pessell
Sarah Nelson
Ben Geiger (attended via phone)

Members Absent:

Steve Essling
Jerry Czarnecki
Duane Weeks

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala
Sarah Archer (attended via phone)

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January 11th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Regina Young, seconded by Sarah Nelson and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala would first like to discuss the Recycling Forum that will be held on February 28th, 2019. A copy of the agenda for this forum was provided to all committee members via email and Chairman Fiala thinks it looks really good. A couple of options that he had in mind was Sarah has talked a little bit about what is going on in Saginaw and also what is going in Middleville; from his standpoint those two programs sound like the best of breed possibilities and he would just like to confirm with Sarah Archer that these are included in what she has under the Funding Options section on the agenda. Sarah Archer confirmed that the Inter-Governmental Agreement would be identifying the solid waste recycling authority model that she had spoken about last month in Saginaw. There is also many other styles of that authority model, but again if it is a formal authority it is not something that is appealing, there are just inter-local inter-governmental type of alliances that could be formulated to create some form of government to establish more of a body to oversee that kind of a program. Per Chairman Fiala, at some point we are going to need to talk about the funding, but are you thinking we keep that kind of out of the discussion during this short two (2) hour period that we have. Sarah Archer stated that she does think it is too premature to try to identify a source of funding until we know what exactly people are interested in having to provide these services. So again, if everyone is just saying no we just want to do our own thing, then the funding would probably just continue the way it is to just do self-supported programs. For the outcome of this forum, what she would like to get is again a broader sense of as a whole body how they are willing to work together, what they want to happen and kind of get a commitment from them that they are willing to work on this project to develop it.

Chairman Comments (Continued)

Regina Young asked Sarah Archer if she plans on sharing the resources that are now available on Barry County Recycles and provide the participants with some type of a handout that they can take back to share with people. Sarah Archer agreed that she can have a handout available to give to participants. Regina Young also stated that one of things we may be able to talk about during the group discussion is if there is enough of a consensus that there could be a resolution that could be drafted that the various townships might consider at each level to kind of make their statement of thought or commitment or whatever the consensus is as a building block to get some steam moving on where do we think we want to go in Barry County with recycling. Ben Geiger replied that he thinks this would be an excellent idea and he suggested that what we could decide today what are the key goals/policy statements that local governments could stand up to make. Usually how it goes is that if we get policy resolutions that you start with a couple of municipalities that you are confident would pass it and then it kind of goes for there. Chairman Fiala asked if it would be reasonable to plan for a follow-up meeting and express that we would like you to go back, do the thing we are describing, then come back for a targeted follow-up meeting and then at that one try to really foster the plan and go deeper. Ben Geiger stated that may be what we could do is have a goal of getting these resolutions taken up in April (around Earth Day which is April 22nd) so Barry County could make some type of statement as a whole when everybody is kind of paying attention to this issue. He does think whatever type of resolutions that we get the Townships to pass that we would ask the County to pass it as well. Sarah Archer stated that she likes the idea of resolution and she has done a similar type of resolution of getting local unit support for a broader scoped look at recycling for Manistee County, so she could send that around to the committee and then she could draft something for the forum if the committee thought it would be helpful to the group. Tom Rook stated that he felt the idea of an authority with a group of townships working together would be effective.

Chairman Fiala asked Sarah Archer if she saw herself doing the majority of the presentation and she stated that if the committee is comfortable with that then she is comfortable with facilitating the forum. Sarah Archer stated that she did copy all of the County Commissioners on the Recycling Forum invite as well as provided a copy of the report along with a cover letter including who within their districts received the invitation. Chairman Fiala stated that he would like Sarah Archer to send out the revised agenda as a second reminder so they would receive it about a week before the forum. Ben Geiger stated that he would go to the County Clerk's Office, make some copies of the invite & agenda and put them in each of the County Commissioners' mailboxes. Sarah Archer stated that she will send a reminder email along with the final agenda to the Township Supervisors about a week before the forum.

At the next meeting, Chairman Fiala stated that he would like to do an Election of Officers so he would like everyone to give that some thought to all the Officer Positions.

Review Committee Bylaws & Rules of Procedure

Per Chairman Fiala, he would prefer to hold off on this until the next meeting due to tightness of time this morning.

Mini Grant Program Outline Changes

Motion to adopt the verbiage changes that were made to the Mini Grant Program Outline at last month's meeting made by Frank Fiala, seconded by Tom Rook and approved by a unanimous vote.

Recycling Coordinator Program Report

Sarah Archer stated that Saundra and her team have been trying to develop the To-Go Zero Guide so that it can be looked at more as of a kind of A to B rather than just one whole giant guide on the website. She sent a recycling article to The Banner, but she has not yet received a response from them so she will follow-up with them today on that. She is planning to have some resources available at the Recycling Forum on illegal dumping as there is some really good literature out there now on how to establish some policies around illegal dumping that might be useful and informative to those townships that are having some problems. Sarah Archer also stated that there is an updated version of the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Guide on the website and

Recycling Coordinator Program Report (Continued)

Chairman Fiala requested that Sarah Nelson take the updated guide to have it printed and Sarah Nelson agreed. Regina Young stated that she thinks we should look at the budget first before getting the guide printed and Chairman Fiala agreed.

Sarah Archer also stated that she has been confirmed to be a participant in the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Barry County Science Fest in March 2019 and she has also been invited to the Intersection of the Environment and Politics Conference to be held on February 23rd, so she will be participating in that as well on behalf of Barry County.

Member Comments

Regina Young – Eaton County did receive the Tire Recycling Grant and we have sent out an email to Jeff Krcmarik, so she thinks the next steps are going to be to get the Memo of Agreement signed by the Barry County Commissioners, so we are waiting for Jeff to get that to us and once we receive it she will send it to Ben Geiger to get signed by the Commissioners. For the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW), the contract is fully executed with Drug & Lab, and we are on the schedule. The only question she had was whether the Sheriff's Department is still allowing inmates to work at events for county departments or not.

Tom Rook – none.

Jodi Pessell – none.

Sarah Nelson – everyone should have received an invitation to their event on February 22nd, 2019. The Solid Waste Oversight Committee is represented in a County Conservation Guide that they hand out and the groups accomplishments for the year are included in their as well and Sarah Archer will be attending.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:02 a.m.

Approved at the 03-08-2019 meeting

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2019

NAME

1. Regina Young
2. FRANK FIALA
3. JERRIE FIALA
4. Tom Roak
5. John Peseel
6. Sarah Alderson
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GUEST

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AGENDA

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE**
- 7. MINI GRANT PROGRAM OUTLINE CHANGES**
- 8. RECYCLING COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORT**
- 9. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Barry County SWOC
Recycling Program Report – February 8, 2019
Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.

The following is a summary of activity during January 2019

Phase 2 – Early Implementation Phase – January - June 2018

Activity 4 – Webpage Development and Content Management

Suggested changes to website

Completed

- Clean Sweep description and contact information for surrounding counties added

In Progress

- Reaching out to IT department with regard to meta-data
 - Several attempts to obtain meta-data information without response.
- 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

- Prepared recycling article for issuance in February

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
 - Objective – To bring together local units of government and provide an update on the current state of recycling in Barry County and have a facilitated open discussion about opportunities that lie ahead to improve recycling and resource recovery.
 - Date – Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Location – Hastings Charter Township Hall, 885 River Road, Hastings
 - Invitees – SWOC, Commissioners, City/Township/Village Mayor/Manager/Supervisor/President and Clerk
 - Invitation letter and Recycling Assessment report mailed
 - Agenda and speakers being finalized
- Research on best practices to overcome illegal dumping

Other

- Discuss the production of a print version of 2GO Zero Guide (Quick Reference Guide)