

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes July 12th, 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
Duane Weeks
Regina Young
Jim Brown
Jay VanStee
Brent Cowan
Sarah Nelson
Tom Rook

Members Absent:

Ben Geiger
Jodi Pessell
Jerry Czarnecki

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Duane Weeks, seconded by Tom Rook and the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June 14th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tom Rooks, seconded by Duane Weeks and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

In terms of the Treasury job and the budgeting, we have turned the budget into the County Commissioners and we appointed Sarah Nelson Treasurer at the last meeting. We are basically budgeting about the same way that we did last year.

Chairman Fiala stated that he thinks that it is time that we take a look at the Solid Waste Plan and to think through and get some really good minds to seeing what we do and when that light at the end of the tunnel might be coming. He sees a possibility of having an entity kind of run the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events and be the Recycling Coordinator (education, pulling together, grouping things and just generally fostering that). Four alternatives that he sees going forward would be (1) the Health Department runs the HHW events, (2) possibly MSU extension, (3) Conservation District and (4) just to work with the county and hire a coordinator to do the things that we are talking about here; however, that has not been a strong option on the table at least in the past. In summary, he would like to talk with Ben Geiger as he sees maybe having our Executive Committee polish this up a little bit, talk to Michael Brown, the Chair of the County Commissioners and explore what we would need with a small group of folks to be able to update the Plan and have the right kind of plan that we are going to be mandated to have by law in a couple of years. His thought is other than floundering that we see if all the elements are there to do what we need to do and we just do that.

Chairman Comments (Continued)

Ben Geiger expressed his disagreement in that we are the Solid Waste Oversight Committee and should abide by the guidelines that are in place; if the Legislature has not changed it, then he doesn't think we should be moving forward in assuming that there are going to do so as they haven't even passed the budget yet.

Regina Young stated that she requested that Amanda Robins email the Solid Waste Plan out to all the committee members so they can review it.

Jim Brown expressed that maybe we should start at the other end of this and first ask the County Commissioners what they want seen done and then go from there. Ben Geiger replied that he doesn't think this would work as the main function of the County Board is responding to requests that they have in front of them; however, he does think that there is an option out there where the County Board can help and it is specifically looking at the committee structure. He thinks we might want to explore if we have to create another Board for a Planning Committee we might want to carve out the recycling component of this board and have like a recycling promotion board much like we have a Parks & Recreation Board, and that board is given funds every year to promote a specific cost. Ben Geiger also stated that as a Board of Health member, the Health Department staff is already doing their daily jobs and so for the strategic planning we need to proceed with the assumption that we are going to hire somebody to do it as this isn't part of the mandate of the Health Department. If we ask for the County Commissioners insight, he would strongly suggest we put kind of strategy A, strategy B and strategy C in front of them and then make them vote.

Motion for this committee to have an agenda item for next month's meeting that discusses whether to do two (2) actions at the same time or only one (1) action; the two (2) actions to discuss would be extending the contract for Recycling Coordinator & pursuing the how-to's for that and the other action would begin the process of educating the Board of Commissioners that we would like to do Strategic Planning for our committee and we would want their support in doing Strategic Planning before we start investigating that made by Regina Young, seconded by Jim Brown and approved by a unanimous vote.

Member Comments

Duane Weeks – he would like to thank Regina Young for all her service; he worked with her long before he was on this committee and she has not only served this committee but the county as well, and has bettered our environment.

As this group or as an individual and dealing with other people and other groups, when you really want to get something done and are dealing with other people or other groups, normally not too much gets taken care of; he thinks too many times we focus on what we want to get done and we need to focus a little bit more on how do we get the people that we are dealing with to want to support as what we see as priority.

Regina Young – this is the advertisement for the fall HHW (same as the spring advertisement); it has the EGLE logo instead of the DEQ logo (as the DEQ is not EGLE) so she is just showing it to the committee as this is what we are running with. For the September 21, 2019 collection, that will be Jodi and Jay (who will likely be filling out a portion of her term) and she has communicated with him that his focus needs to be just on the HHW events in order to keep them running smoothly.

Jim Brown – thank you to Regina Young for all she has done and the HHW events are the best thing that has ever happened; if this whole group just disappeared today and that kept going it is great, it should be done as that is the biggest things.

As far as putting people on the spot, yes and no; his reason for putting the Commissioners on the spot is he wants to know what they are thinking and he wants to know what they are thinking in a public forum because then the people who voted for them have a better idea of what they are thinking or not. It is not to really put them on the spot, but to basically to find out what they are thinking.

Member Comments (Continued)

Jay VanStee – he would just like to say that Regina asked and he volunteered to replace her on this committee as he does have a passion for this type of work and he has been interested in solid waste & recycling his whole life. He will serve at the request of the Health Officer (assuming she appoints him) and he is happy to be a part of this group.

Brent Cowan – None.

Sarah Nelson – she submitted our budget appropriations manual a couple of weeks ago, so the budget recommendations are being formulated right now and they will be presented in August, which she will bring to the August meeting. She would also like to remind people that the manual that she just submitted was for 2020; we already have funds dedicated to have a Recycling Coordinator for 2019. So every month we push off getting a contract signed that is money that we had already said last year that we intended to spend on a Recycling Coordinator for this year.

Tom Rook – None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:48 a.m.

Approved at the 09-13-2019 meeting

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

JULY 12TH, 2019

NAME

- 1. Regina Young
- 2. Diane Weeks
- 3. JIM T. Rowen
- 4. Tom Rook
- 5. Fran F. F. F.
- 6. JERRY F. F.
- 7. [Signature]
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- 9. Sarah Nelson
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GUEST

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AGENDA

JULY 12TH, 2019

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES:

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2019

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

The following is a summary of activity during June 2019

Phase 2 – Early Implementation Phase – January - June 2018

Activity 4 – Webpage Development and Content Management

- Website updates and resource links

Activity 5 – Quick Reference Guide

- Updates made

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

- Meetings and communication regarding potential recycling sites and collaboration
 - Meeting with Eaton County regarding Sunfield Recycling Center on Friday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. In attendance:

Barry County:

- Frank Fiala, SWOC Chair
- Ben Geiger, Commissioner
- Jim Brown, SWOC member, Hastings Township Supervisor
- Jerri Fiala, Citizen

Eaton County:

- John Fuentes, County Controller
- Jeff Krcmarik, Resource Recovery Coordinator
- Rob Piercefield, Commissioner

Krcmarik provided an overview of recycling programs in Eaton County. Funding to support recycling is generated through a hauler licensing ordinance which is awarded as grants to requesting municipalities. Currently 8 communities have recycling. Eaton County will be leasing the Sunfield Recycling site and can sub-lease it. Eaton County intends to issue a request for proposals for site operation. Archer will provide available Barry County recycling volume data to Krcmarik for inclusion in the RFP.

- Next Steps
 - Report/Recommendations provided at June SWOC meeting
 - Contract for Recycling Coordinator Services ended June 30, 2019