

**BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

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

Approved Meeting Minutes June 12th, 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
Sarah Nelson
Tom Rook
Jay VanStee
Jim Brown
Ben Geiger
Jerry Czarnecki

Members Absent:

Matt Roser
Vivian Conner
Brent Cowan

Members of the Public:

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 13th, 2020 meeting minutes made by Tom Rook, seconded by Frank Fiala and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Per Chairman Fiala, he would like to get as far through the Strategic Planning as we can today with the people that are here, document it and send it out to the committee members that were unable to attend.

Hastings Charter Township Mini Grant Invoice For Recycling Equipment

Motion to approve payment of \$1,347.48 to Hastings Charter Township for Invoice #060820 (invoice represents half of the total grant approved by the Solid Waste Oversight Committee for collection bin brackets in the Hastings Township Recycling Station) made by Frank Fiala, seconded by Ben Geiger and approved by a unanimous vote.

Strategic Planning (Led By Sarah Nelson)

Please see Strategic Planning and Work Plan documents provided.

Member Comments

Jay VanStee – None.

Jodi Pessell – None.

Sarah Nelson – None.

Jim Brown – he would just like to thank everybody for the mini grant for the brackets for the bins, it has made a big difference.

Tom Rook – None.

Ben Geiger – None.

Jerry Czarnecki – None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 10:05 a.m.

Approved at the 07-10-2020 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.

7. 2020 Possible Actions

- Research a portable recycling unit, funding, and outlets
 - Meet with Morgan to learn more about what they do
 - Education/Outreach plan
 - 1 page how-to/options flyer
 - Newspaper ads/articles
- } Effective education

- Schools/PCCI
- Website updates
- Local business bag collections
 - Facebook
 - Put on township/LUG websites
- Recycling coordinator?

8. 2020 Objectives

Research

- Obj. 1.1** Develop an informational database of current successful recycling programs in Michigan
- Obj. 1.2** Develop an informational database of funding opportunities and possible match
- Obj. 1.3** Complete a cost analysis of a mobile recycling unit, including an option of having a local hauler provide these services

Education/Outreach

- Obj. 1.1** Develop an education/outreach/information strategy

Solid Waste Oversight Committee Annual Plan of Work FY2020

1.1	Develop an informational database of current successful recycling programs in Michigan	Deliverable	How long do we expect this to take?	When would we like this to be done?	Who will do this?	Who will oversee this?	Expenses involved (list)	How much will those expenses cost?	Funding source(s)
1.2	Develop an informational database of funding opportunities and possible match	Deliverable	How long do we expect this to take?	When would we like this to be done?	Who will do this?	Who will oversee this?	Expenses involved (list)	How much will those expenses cost?	Funding source(s)
	Research EGLE grants (check EGLE website)		8 hours		Ben Geiger	SWOC			
	Research other state and federal grants		48 hours		Ben Geiger	SWOC			
	Research local foundation grants		24 hours		Ben Geiger	SWOC			
	Research details on funding through LUGs		24 hours	By July meeting	Ben Geiger	SWOC			
	Reach out to other Michigan rural area recycling programs to see what their funding sources are		24 hours		Ben Geiger	SWOC			
1.3	Complete a cost analysis of a mobile recycling unit, including an option of having a local hauler provide these services	Deliverable	How long do we expect this to take?	When would we like this to be done?	Who will do this?	Who will oversee this?	Expenses involved (list)	How much will those expenses cost?	Funding source(s)
	Get quotes from local haulers		n/a	already done	Tom Rook	SWOC- will discuss at July meeting		n/a	n/a
2.1	Develop an education/outreach/information strategy	Deliverable	How long do we expect this to take?	When would we like this to be done?	Who will do this?	Who will oversee this?	Expenses involved (list)	How much will those expenses cost?	Funding source(s)

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AGENDA

JUNE 12TH, 2020

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MARCH 13TH)**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP MINI GRANT INVOICE FOR RECYCLE EQUIPMENT**
- 7. STRATEGIC PLANNING (LED BY SARAH NELSON)**
- 8. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES:

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020

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SIGN-IN

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NAME (Members Present on Zoom meeting)

1. Frank Fiala

2. Jay Van Stee

3. Jodi Pessell

4. Sarah Nelson

5. Jim Brown

6. Tom Rook

7. Ben Geiger

8. Jerry Czarnecki

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11. _____

12. _____

EXCUSED

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GUEST
