

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes June 14th, 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
Tom Rook
Jodi Pessell
Jim Brown
Regina Young
Sarah Nelson

Members Absent:

Ben Geiger
Brent Cowan
Jerry Czarnecki

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala
Sarah Archer
Eric Shafer

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Regina Young, seconded by Jodi Pessell and the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April 12th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tom Rook, seconded by Duane Weeks and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Motion to approve May 10th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Jim Brown, seconded by Duane Weeks and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Per Chairman Fiala, it has been brought to his attention by Pam Jarvis that the Solid Waste Plan that we have requires all the members of this committee to be resident of the county. We have a contract with Waste Management that indicates that they must have a representative on this committee to keep that contract. They say that the only person that is a candidate to be on this committee is not a county resident, so we have been working with the attorney on this and we also have the second piece of it in that we do not have a slot on this committee for a County Commissioner. The committee has been working with legal counsel to wiggle around that in that we can have a Planning Commissioner on the committee, so we have been getting the County Commissioner that is the Planning Commissioner representative on this committee. So, those two things we have been working with the attorney on and the attorney is of the opinion (which he is getting second hand from Michael Brown to Luella Dennison) that the county can amend the plan, which Frank himself thought they couldn't do, but that they can amend the plan with those kinds of changes if we make that recommendation as a group to them. Chairman Fiala stated that what he would like from this committee is if there are any other changes that should be made and whether or not as a majority we agree that if the county can amend the plan to allow a Barry County non-resident to be on the committee and allow a County Commissioner to be on the committee; those are two (2) changes that he thinks would be helpful to us.

Per Regina Young, this is the first time we have encountered this level of topic and she thinks that we should be afforded the opportunity to see where we really fit within our authorities and responsibilities, and she doesn't believe that a plan that is adopted through public notice and public hearing should ever just be opened up and without following an

Chairman Comments (Continued)

administrative process that she is sure that the state and the law provides. So, she knows we don't have the membership, we haven't had the membership and even when we did there wasn't the attendance; so she is kind of really struggling with why we would need to do a message to the Commissioners that they could exercise authorities as they may already have them. We as an oversight committee may not even have any say on it. Regina Young asked if the attorney has done anything in writing to help us understand whether or not they really need that from us and Chairman Fiala replied that the little bit that has been presented to him in the last few days, he doesn't think they need anything; they have asked him if they plan to do that to accommodate based on the fact that the contract that is in place requires a representative from that organization. Duane Weeks stated that if we are changing it for that reason then why would it get changed to a non-resident and not just get changed to state "a representative from Waste Management" and Eric Shafer agreed that would probably be the way to go. Per Chairman Fiala, he recommends that if Pam Jarvis is working with the attorney and they can make a minor change to accommodate this that we do that and while we are doing that to make the change so we can have a County Commissioner sit on the committee as well. Chairman Fiala stated that unless anyone on this committee feels uncomfortable he will just indicate to them to just proceed with this.

Chairman Fiala stated that the contract with Sarah Archer/Iris is expiring and we need to figure out how we move forward, he would like the executive committee that was formed to meet after this meeting and talk about some options. So, he would like that executive committee to make a recommendation to the larger committee once we see where we are at with that contract and what we might do with the termination of that contract.

Per Chairman Fiala, another issue to throw out is that in Sarah Archer's report, you will see that we have a meeting today, 06/12/19 at 1:00 pm with Eaton County talking about the Sunfield location, potentially sub-leasing, what involvement Eaton County may have and what involvement Barry County may have; that meeting is set up with Jim Brown, Sarah Archer, Frank Fiala and Ben Geiger.

We are getting pressure from the County Commissioners to do a budget forecast for this coming year, our treasurer is now Jerry Czarnecki, but unfortunately, he has not been attending the meetings so we have got some heavy lifting to do on that.

Printing Of Recycling And Hazardous Waste Guide

Jim Brown stated that he does not think the committee should have more guides printed as we could do something a lot for effective by simply just putting a trifold with the basic information that the average person needs to know (including our website) in the township tax notices; this could be done very economically and you can get close to 20,000 people reading something versus spending all that money printing this exotic guide that sits on someone's shelf and gets obsolete.

Per Duane Weeks, he doesn't see why this has to be one or the other; maybe we can print the guides (just a significantly less amount than before) as well as do the trifold as a supplement to reach out to people as well to let them know where they can get a printed copy of guide, where you can access the guide online and print it off the website.

Recycling Coordinator Program Report

Sarah Archer stated that she did get one more resolution passed by Carlton Township as a result of the Recycling Forum, so that bring it to a total of eight (8) communities who would be in support of meeting and coming up with a future plan. She emailed her recommendations and action plan to everyone on this committee and it really just boils down to what we have been discussing over the last several months. She thinks it is important to retain someone in the position of Recycling Coordinator just to maintain momentum and kind of keep going with where we have already gotten as some good strides have been made. One of the recommendations is for an online searchable directory, which would again for folks that are able to get on the website or even as an app for your phone, that whole entire guide can be right on your phone so that you can just look it up right there and know where and how to dispose of something. Second Recommendation, was again to just continue working towards a solution that is a consensus of the entire body of people with stakeholders that showed interest in working together to come forth with a plan of action.

Recycling Coordinator Program Report (Continued)

A Draft resolution is attached as follow up from her recommendations last meeting to just show support the state to move forward and pick those amendments for the Solid Waste Planning Amendments. So that again, the sooner they can get that done, the sooner the counties will have money in their hands.

Member Comments

Duane Weeks – None.

Tom Rook – **Motion to have an executive committee that was formed to meet directly after this meeting to discuss the future planning that we do and strategy that we do in terms of contracts and what we are doing with the Recycling Coordinator function made by Tom Rook, seconded by Sarah Nelson and approved by a unanimous vote.**

Jodi Pessell – None.

Jim Brown – the value of the material that we are going to be collecting is going to be next to nothing so whatever we do we need to be really, really smart about it. As far as Hastings Township goes, our single biggest problem is that we are getting a tremendous amount of plastic from five (5) townships in the City of Hastings; so we are trying to deal with that.

Regina Young – **Motion to nominate Sarah Nelson to be the Treasurer of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee made by Regina Young, seconded by Tom Rook and approved by a unanimous vote.**

Sarah Nelson – She noticed we never have a Facebook event for the Household Hazardous Waste Collections, so she asked the committee if it would be okay if she started creating this as a Facebook event and add the Health Department as a co-host. Regina Young replied that she would need to look into this a little bit since this would not actually be a Barry-Eaton District Health Department event.

Also, she looked up the date and the budgets are due to the County by the 28th of this month so she is wondering if there is going to be an allocation in there for the Recycling Coordinator Contract? Chairman Fiala stated that yes there will be only if we put it in there. Sarah expressed that to her it is very important that we continue the Recycling Coordinator position. Chairman Fiala stated that he plans to submit the same as whatever we did for this past year that worked and then if somehow we have the opportunity to fine tune then we can react accordingly.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

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

Approved at the 07-12-2019 meeting

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

JUNE 14TH, 2019

NAME

1. Diane Weeks Village of Marshall
2. FRAN FIATA BCRC
3. JERRIE FIATA GUEST
4. Tom Rook Orangeville
5. John Fessell NEHA Rep.
6. Jim Brown HCT.
7. Regina Young BEDHD
8. ERIC SHAFER WM
9. Sarah Nelson BCD
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EXCUSED

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GUEST

1. Sarah Archer
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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

AGENDA

JUNE 14TH, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. PRINTING OF RECYCLING AND HARZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE**
- 7. RECYCLING COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORT**
- 8. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Barry County SWOC
Recycling Program Report – June 14, 2019
Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.

The following is a summary of activity during May 2019

Phase 2 – Early Implementation Phase – January - June 2018

Activity 4 – Webpage Development and Content Management

Website

In Progress

- 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

- Made contact with Hastings Banner re: recycling article submission

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 Held Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Eight Resolutions of Support adopted by following local units
 - Carlton Township
 - Village of Freeport
 - City of Hastings
 - Hastings Charter Township
 - Village of Middleville
 - Prairieville Township
 - Thornapple Township
 - Yankee Springs Township
- Meetings and communication regarding potential recycling sites and collaboration
 - Meeting with Eaton County regarding Sunfield Recycling Center scheduled for Friday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m.
- Communication regarding funding and grants
- Next Steps
 - Report/Recommendations to SWOC for review at June SWOC meeting

Public Education

- Delton Rotary Meeting – Thursday, May 9 – Delton Public Library

Other

- As a follow-up from May meeting, a draft resolution is attached to this report in support of changes to Part 115 Michigan Solid Waste laws

**Barry County Resolution of Support
for
Solid Waste Planning Amendments**

Whereas, Michigan's current Part 115 Solid Waste Legislation is over 20 years old and requires modernization to prioritize sustainable recovery of discarded materials and divert discards to more productive uses;

Whereas, the amended Solid Waste Legislation aims to support recycling and solid waste management programs including,

- Funding to support county solid waste planning
- Grants to local entities aimed at tripling Michigan's recycling rate. The grants would cover:
 - recycling infrastructure development,
 - development of markets for recyclable materials, and
 - education to help residents use recycling systems effectively.

Whereas, Barry County's last Solid Waste Plan was approved in 1999 and is due for an update. Barry County would receive funding to facilitate the update of our Solid Waste Management Plan, as part of a new planning cycle, with funding from the state, to set new materials management goals for the next twenty years. These new plans will be designated as Materials Management Plans, reflecting the shift in priorities to reduce landfilling of resources;

Whereas, Barry County has a variety of options available for recycling residential waste and could benefit from planning and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education

Whereas, Public Act 588 enrolled in 2018 Legislation makes annual funding available to support the amendments proposed to Michigan Solid Waste Laws;

Accordingly, it is hereby resolved that the County of Barry supports recommended changes to Michigan solid waste law, Part 115, and the advancement of local, county, regional, and state recycling goals and county materials management planning.