

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Approved Meeting Minutes March 13th, 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
Jim Brown
Tom Rook
Jodi Pessell
Jerry Czarnecki
Matt Roser
Ben Geiger
Jay VanStee
Vivian Conner (attended but did not sign in)
Sarah Nelson (attended but did not sign in)

Members Absent:

Brent Cowan
Duane Weeks

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Jerry Czarnecki, seconded by Jim Brown and the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 14th, 2020 meeting minutes made by Ben Geiger, seconded by Matt Roser and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala expressed what a fantastic job Sarah Nelson has done at leading this committee in the Strategic Planning process. Sarah Nelson stated that we should be able to complete the Strategic Planning process within the next two (2) meetings (this meeting and next month's meeting).

Chairman Fiala also stated that the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event is coming up on May 9th, 2020. Jodi Pessell stated that everything is in place for the Tire Grant for both the spring and fall collections. We are using First Class Tire Shredders and we get two (2) trailers per collection. However, they will not be accepting tractor or semi tires as part of the Tire Grant, only passenger and truck tires will be accepted for the grant. Chairman Fiala requested that Jodi Pessell check to see how much First Class Tire Shredders will charge for tractor and semi tires and then we can adjust the HHW advertisements as needed to reflect this.

Strategic Planning (Led By Sarah Nelson)

Please see document provided for Strategic Planning 2020.

Member Comments

Jim Brown – None.

Tom Rook – None.

Jodi Pessell – None.

Jerry Czarnecki – None.

Matt Roser – None.

Ben Geiger – None.

Jay VanStee – None.

Vivian Conner – None.

Sarah Nelson – None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

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

Approved at the 06-12-2020 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

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

MARCH 13TH, 2020

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| 1. | FRANK FIATA | BCRC |
| 2. | JERRIS FIATA | GUEST |
| 3. | JIM BROWN | H.A. |
| 4. | Tom ROR | Orangeville |
| 5. | JOE PESSER | MEHA |
| 6. | Terry Carrack | City of Hastings |
| 7. | MATT ROSSER | W.M. |
| 8. | Ben Gagnier | Barry Co |
| 9. | by [Signature] | BEDHD |
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AGENDA

MARCH 13TH, 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 9TH, 2020

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020