

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tyden Center Conference Room
330 West Woodlawn Avenue, Hastings, MI

Approved Meeting Minutes November 5th, 2021

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
Jay VanStee
Patricia Rayl
Jodi Pessell
Matt Rosser
Bruce Campbell
Sarah Nelson
Tom Rook (attended via Zoom)

Members Absent:

Jim Brown
Bill Sweeney
Vivian Conner

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala
Rachel Frantz
Sarah Moyer-Cole

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 13th, 2021 meeting minutes made by Jay VanStee, seconded by Patricia Rayl and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the September 10th, 2021 meeting minutes made by Patricia Rayl, seconded by Bruce Campbell and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the October 8th, 2021 meeting minutes made by Jay VanStee, seconded by Jodi Pessell and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Per Chairman Fiala, he would like to have us think about doing a one (1) page summary for the County Commissioners of this committee's accomplishments as well as the things we are currently working. He would like to also include committee member meeting attendance for the last year in the summary. Jay VanStee will get with Chairman Fiala to work on this.

Chairman Fiala would also like a one (1) page summary of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event held September 18th, 2021; Rachel Frantz, Recycling Coordinator, is working on creating a document for this to present to the County Commissioners.

He would also like Rachel Frantz to send out Thank You Notes to those who volunteered at the last HHW event.

Chairman Comments (Continued)

This committee has a Mini Grant Program and we budget up to \$15,000.00 per year until that runs out. People have to meet certain criteria and get prior approval; it is a 1/3 match meaning that the applicant basically has to put up 1/3, receives 1/3 from the Barry Community Foundation and another 1/3 from this committee for projects associated with recycling. We haven't used this for about one (1) or 2 (two) years now and the question was asked if this was still available. Chairman Fiala stated that he doesn't know any reason that it wouldn't be available and he doesn't see any reason why we shouldn't continue doing this since we put it in the committee's budget and it's just the right thing to do. If no one has any objections or comments, we will just continue with the Mini Grant as an active program; there were no objections to continuing this.

Budget/Trial Balance Update (Pattie Rayl)

Per Patricia Rayl, the budget for 2022 was presented at the last Commissioners meeting and looks good; she doesn't have further details at this time, but will have a more detailed report next month. Per Chairman Fiala, we have a fund balance of a little over \$200,000.00. The way the County Commissioners negotiated our last contract with Waste Management, the tipping fees work out very, very well for this committee.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Summary (Rachel Frantz)

Per Rachel Frantz, she created a little infographic of the summary for the HHW collection held on September 18th that will be published in the newspaper. As far as the tires, it was difficult with the data that was collected, but she feels like that is a pretty accurate number. In the pie chart, she grouped some of the numbers together in what she thought seemed logical because there were so many categories, otherwise the pie chart would be ridiculous. Under the top six (6) materials collected, she changed pounds to gallons because she thought that would be better understood by people. She would like to send this to J-Ad Graphics to have it published in the newspaper as well as post it on the HHW and Facebook Pages. Per Chairman Fiala, he would like a nice color copy of this put in each of the County Commissioner's mailboxes so they can discuss if there are any questions during the next public comments session.

Recycling Coordinator

See Recycling Coordinator October 2021 Report (report was emailed to committee on 11/01/21).

Member Comments

Jay VanStee – wanted to thank Rachel Frantz as she is doing an excellent job as the Recycling Coordinator; this is exactly what he envisioned with the Recycling Coordinator so he couldn't be happier. Our next HHW collection event will be sometime in May 2022 so be thinking about that.

Patricia Rayl – since the New Year is coming up, she wondered if we (this committee) need to set our meeting dates for 2022. She was also wondering if we might be able to change the start time from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. The committee agreed to keep the monthly meetings on the second Friday of the month, but switch the meeting start time from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.

Motion to keep the monthly meeting scheduled for the second Friday of the month, but change the start time from 8:30 am – 9:00 am made by Jay VanStee, seconded by Tom Rook and approved by a unanimous vote.

Jodi Pessell – just wanted to say thank you to Rachel Frantz, she is doing an excellent job. Usually around this time of year is when we set our HHW collection event dates for the following year with Drug & Laboratory. So, wanted to know if she should try to do the same weekends as this year for next year so she can get us on the schedule because they do fill up fast. The committee agreed with using Drug & Laboratory again and setting the dates for the first weekend in May 2022 and the third weekend in September.

Matt Rosser – yesterday Kent County had their Sustainable Business Park information session; he was unable to attend but a colleague attended. It sounds like they are hoping to have it done in four (4) years and the funding passed; they are investing like \$80 million dollars into it. Talked about processing over 400,000 tons of material/trash and sorting it out into reusable products so it will be interesting to watch and see how that works. It is well-known companies that are running it so it will be interesting to see how it turns out.

Member Comments (Continued)

Bruce Campbell – he can speak for Ben Geiger (but not for Vivian Conner) in saying that Ben has definitely had a change of heart as far as what we are doing here with recycling; he thinks a lot of it is due to Rachel Frantz's work. So essentially, Ben is just looking for some results and he has definitely turned the corner in our direction. Bruce also just wants everyone on this committee to know that even though he is totally in on the recycling concept in the County, he thinks it is a shame that we put dollar values on recycling because he doesn't think there is anything more valuable than our world and taking care of it, and it is really hard to get people to see that.

Sarah Nelson – she just wanted to touch on something that Chairman Fiala had mentioned about continuing the Recycling Coordinator position as it something they have talked about as well. What we had intended was to prepare a proposal for the next year of work, then bring it to this committee and then to the County. Is there a month that Chairman Fiala thinks we should target for that? Chairman Fiala stated that his thinking would be that the year was a plan to see how this would work because there was a lot of resistance to spending money on anything other than infrastructure so we went from two (2) years down to one (1) year. Now, he is thinking at least a couple of years for the next proposal as we are getting a pretty good handle on things and we'll have a year under our belt by the time we do this. His thinking is he would like to get that in front of this committee and get any ideas that this group has, and then put a proposal together that we can endorse and take to the County Commissioners. His thinking is kind of like a February 2022 timeframe (probably at February's meeting).

Tom Rook – just wanted to say thank to Jay VanStee for setting up the Zoom meeting so he could attend this meeting virtually. Next year, for the HHW collection events, the oil program is a go and he does have four (4) drums lined up with the local mechanic shop, but one (1) catch is that he would like to trade in some truck tires for taking in the oil as that would help him out greatly if we can get rid of some tires for him. Tom expressed that he didn't think that would a problem so that is what we will do, trade tires for the oil (further details to be worked out at a later date).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 9:34 a.m.

Approved at the 12-10-2021 meeting

October 2021 Report

Program administration- signed and submitted contract, dated by County as 6/1/21

Recycling Coordinator Task Deliverables

Administrative Assistance to the Solid Waste Oversight Committee (SWOC)

- *Attends SWOC committee and subcommittee meetings*
 - Attended SWOC meeting, no subcommittee meetings
- *Provides monthly progress reports to the SWOC*
 - Provided written monthly report at SWOC meeting
- *Assists the SWOC chair and treasurer in budget development and administration*
 - Inquired about mini grant program
- *On behalf of the SWOC, reports to the County Board of Commissioners to provide program updates*
 - No activity this period
- *At the direction of the SWOC, communicates and coordinates with neighboring county recycling programs as needed*
 - Spoke with Morgan Feldpausch regarding future tire grant proposal
- *At the direction of the SWOC, serves as a representative in recycling user groups, for example the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC) and regional subgroups*
 - *Recycling, Composting, and Circular Economy Solutions for Your Community* webinar November 2
 - Top 5 Practices to Reduce Park & Recreation Recycling Contamination (buschsystems.com) Something for the City of Hastings and any other locality that has recycling bins in public areas.
 - “1. Twin the bin – Put recycling bins directly next to trash bin. Not 3 feet away. Not on the other side of a bench or flower bed. Directly next to the trash. Even a few feet of separation allows people to default for the first bin they approach, without having to make an effort. By placing trash and recycling together, you make them equally convenient, which in turn forces them to actually make a choice. A 2018 Keep America Beautiful study of park and downtown recycling programs found that contamination was 15% lower and the recycling capture rate 30% higher in locations where trash and recycling were paired.”
 - “5. Keep the bins clean and well maintained... Grimy, poorly-maintained bins are more likely to attract contamination. Replacing worn-out labels should be straightforward. People can’t follow what they can’t read.”
 - Recycling Resource News:
 - “The national average price of UBCs increased by 5% over the past month, but prices for PET and natural HDPE bales dropped 11% and 4%, respectively” Aluminum prices rise, but market cools for other recyclables - Resource Recycling (resource-recycling.com)
 - “The Michigan State University Surplus Store and Recycling Center installed a robotic recyclables sorter using a \$180,000 state grant and \$52,000 from the recycling center’s budget” MSU recycling center introduces a robotic sorter to help handle recyclables | WLNS 6 News
 - Aluminum prices rise, but market cools for other recyclables - Resource Recycling (resource-recycling.com)
 - Subscribed to *Escrap News* newsletters
 - Nonprofit processor plans major expansion - E-Scrap News (resource-recycling.com)
 - The following are facilities that have achieved, renewed or otherwise regained R2 certification since early October 2021: ...Information Systems Resources of Dearborn, Mich... Certification Scorecard: Oct. 21, 2021 - E-Scrap News (resource-recycling.com)
 - Subscribed to *Plastics Recycling Update* newsletters
 - Watch It Shred | SSI Shredding Video Demonstrations (ssiworld.com)
 - New legislation from CalRecycle (California), Senate Bill 343 set to begin in 2024, would eliminate the recycling symbol on all products that are not considered as commonly recyclable. The article states that “even as it seeks to clarify recycling rules to help consumers, the bill raises questions of how to bring additional materials into the recycling system. If a product is not already recyclable under the guidelines the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

will lay out, it cannot be labeled as such. If it can't be labeled as such, it could be difficult to increase recovery as consumers may be unaware of collection availability." [Recycling labeling debate primed to heat up nationally - Plastics Recycling Update \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)

- [The California Milk Advisory Board launched an outreach initiative to raise awareness of milk jug recyclability, using the slogan "Pour it. Cap it. Bin it." New Statewide Education Campaign Aims to Increase Recycling of Plastic Milk Jugs \(prnewswire.com\)](#)
- [Amid shipping crisis, recycling loads often 'first to get cut' - Plastics Recycling Update \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
- [Starbucks and McDonald's add \\$10 million to NextGen Consortium - Plastics Recycling Update \(resource-recycling.com\)](#)
- MRC updates:
 - Attended MRC conference in Bay City October 28-29
 - Session 1: Renew Funding Impacts and Priorities Moving Forward, EGLE
 - Upcoming small education grant opening November 2021 for communities under 10,000 households, no match, funds design, printing and mailing
 - Materials Management County Engagement (MMCE) grants \$10,000 for single county
 - Recycling infrastructure grants for curbside and dropoff
 - NextCycle grants
 - Session 2: Proven Strategies and Tools for Behavior Change, The Recycling Partnership
 - Session 3: West Michigan and Southwest Michigan networking, MRC
 - Session 4: Options for Single Hauler Community Collection, Republic Waste
 - Session 5: Recycling Drop-off Operations

Solid Waste Management Planning

- Assists with the development and revision of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan under P.A. 451 Part 115 of 1994, or other Resource Recovery policies or procedures as needed Completes feasibility studies for resource recovery programs, at the direction of the SWOC
 - No activity this period

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

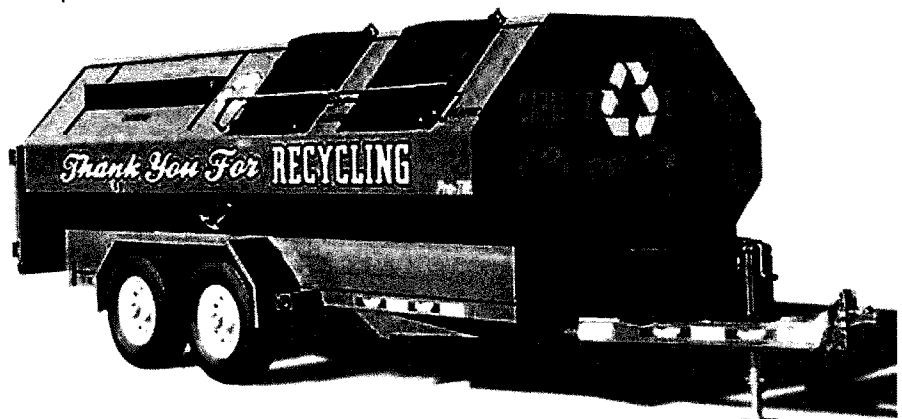
- Assists with Household Hazardous Waste collection events, at the direction of the Health Department and the SWOC
 - Reviewed bills from September HHW event
 - Spoke with Drug and Lab Disposal, Inc. about inconsistencies in bill - the items that were on there twice were on separate trucks, each truck needs to have its own manifest.
 - Requested a quote from [Hazardous Waste Disposal – Removal | Disposehazardouswaste.net](#)
 - Created summary infographic for fall collection event

Recycling Outreach and Education to County Residents

- *Develops and implements a public relations program for the SWOC, including: Writes educational articles and press releases and distributes them to local media outlets newspaper, radio, etc.*
 - Submitted educational article to the Reminder
- *Maintains and serves as the primary contact for the website: [barrycountyrecycles.org](#)*
 - Website:
 - Corrected address data in map for Habitat Restore, Walmart, Autozone
 - Added plastic bag recycling drop off (Walmart)
 - Updated residential services PDF documents

Assistance to Local Units of Government (LUG)

- *At the direction of the SWOC, serves as a liaison to local units of government within Barry County, and offers support in the following ways:*
 - *Disperses information on recycling in Barry County and resources available*
 - Attended the following LUG meetings: Carlton Township (11/8), Barry Township (11/9), and Rutland Charter Township (11/10)
 - *Castleton, Maple Grove, Nashville Transfer Station*
 - First steering committee meeting October 12, 2021
 - Unable to attend due to illness
 - Committee assigned tasks and discussed general goals for transfer station
 - Submitted FOIA request for EGLE report
 - Received documents 10/26/2021 however all documents are from 1966 - 1981
 - Responded with inquiry as to most recent EGLE compliance records
 - Requested financial data from 2018 to present
 - Requested quotes for recycling pick up from
 - Les's
 - Waste Management
 - Requested information from Padnos
 - Spoke with Morgan (Eaton County) about potentially adding tire removal at transfer station to next tire grant
 - Attended meetings October 26 and November 3
 - *Mobile Recycling Unit*
 - Spoke with Kyle from Pro-trainer about mobile recycling units for Barry County
 - He recommended a Pro-tilt with two commingled bins in the front and a cardboard slot in the back. This would allow for uncontaminated cardboard to be bailed (rebate)
 - A 25 Cu Yard trailer would cost approximately \$18,750 + Shipping (~\$1,500) and could be hauled by a 3 1/4 ton pick up truck
 - Example:



Goals for next month:

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Potential Additional Items for SWOC Approval (additional funds needed)

- EGLE/Nextcycle training

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2021

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
(AUG 13TH, SEPT 10TH & OCT 8TH)**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. BUDGET/TRIAL BALANCE UPDATE
(PATTIE RAYL)**
- 7. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS
(RACHEL FRANTZ)**
- 8. RECYCLING COORDINATOR**
- 9. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2021

NAME

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| 1. | FRANK FIALA | BCRC |
| 2. | JERRIE FIALA | GUEST |
| 3. | Joy VanStee | BEDHD |
| 4. | Pattie Rayl | Middleville |
| 5. | JODI Pessel | MEHA Rep. |
| 6. | Sarah Mayer-Coke | Hastings |
| 7. | Jodi Pessel | |
| 8. | Bruce Campbell | Com. |
| 9. | Sachal Frantz | BCD |
| 10. | Samuel Nelson | BCD |
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