

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tyden Center Conference Room
121 South Church Street, Hastings, MI

Approved Meeting Minutes October 8th, 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
Jodi Pessell
Sarah Nelson
Jim Brown
Matt Rosser
Jay VanStee
Patricia Rayl (attended remotely via Zoom)

Members Absent:

Bill Sweeney
Tom Rook
Vivian Conner
Bruce Campbell

Members of the Public:

Rachel Frantz
Jerrie Fiala
Sally Smith
Sandy Pierce

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, will proceed with agenda as presented with the addition of Jim Brown's presentation, which will be added after agenda item #7 (seven) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Summary.

Approval of Minutes

Per Chairman Fiala, since we do not have a quorum present, approval of the August 13th & September 10th meeting minutes will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Per Chairman Fiala, before we leave here today, he would like to talk a little bit about the expenses for the HHW collection events as we just got the invoice from Drug & Laboratory for the collection held September 18th. He would like all committee members present to review the invoice so we can discuss (copies of the invoice were provided).

Budget/Trial Balance Update (Pattie Rayl)

Chairman Fiala requested that Pattie Rayl, SWOC Treasurer, update the committee regarding the current Trial Balance report, where we are year-to-date and what our fund balance currently is. Per Pattie Rayl, we are at 95% of our revenues that we would raise for our tipping fees and we are doing very well on our fund balance as we have something in the range of \$250,000. So, now is when we are going to probably start dipping into our fund balance a little for our regular expenses because if you recall we budgeted to use a little bit of the fund balance when we set the budget for our 2021-2022 fiscal year. The income from tipping fees year-to-date is \$66,000 and we had anticipated \$70,000; so right now, we have a positive balance of \$5,000 and she imagines that with the Drug & Laboratory invoice we received from the most recent HHW collection, then that's when we might start seeing us using some of the fund balance.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Summary (September 18th)

Jodi Pessell reported that we had 490 vehicles come through and of those 128 also participated in the medication take back for disposal, so about 26%. They collected 10.41lbs of controlled substances that were taken to the Barry County Sheriff's Department for safe storage disposal. We only filled two (2) of the three (3) tire trailers, but we were not charged for the third

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Summary (September 18th) (Continued)

trailer. Copies of the Drug & Laboratory invoice as well as the Report of Materials Collected for the September 18th collection were passed around for the committee members to review. The Drug & Laboratory invoice total amount due is \$16,194.44. Pattie Rayl asked if there was any way we can get people to turn off their vehicle engines while they are waiting in line because it seems like a lot of people were just burning gas by sitting there with their vehicles running so she was just wondering if and how we can approach that. Per Chairman Fiala, let's table that topic for now and we can come back to it again before the next HHW collection.

Jim Brown Presentation

Jim Brown provided a photo that was taken during the September 18th HHW collection of a 40-foot dumpster filled with everything from milk jugs, plastic and an ungodly amount of cardboard. He spoke with Bill Sweeney about this and at the very least we should be taking the cardboard out of the dumpster and put it someplace so that it can be recycled rather than putting it in the landfill, is that possible? He just feels that we need to do something different before this happens again. Chairman Fiala also asked about recycling the oil. Sarah Nelson commented that it would seem like we would need a whole other person to sort out the materials in the dumpster; she is guessing we don't want to pay for another person from Drug & Laboratory to do this and most of the committee members are all pretty maxed out on staff. Jay VanStee stated that he would have to assume at least some of that is probably contaminated to some degree. The committee agreed this is something that we can look into before the spring 2022 HHW collection.

Recycling Coordinator

See Recycling Coordinator September 2021 Report (report was emailed to committee on 10/04/21).

Member Comments

Jodi Pessell – none.

Sarah Nelson – none.

Jim Brown – the plastic collection at the township is increasing; we are collecting at twice a week which is working very well. We are looking at possibly taking glass only if we can have some place to use it. After talking with Brad Lambert at the Barry County Road Commission, if we take glass, ideally it would be ground literally onsite very simplistically so that when it goes to the Road Commission they can use it. The Materials Recycling Facility in Grand Rapids, their collection cost is to increase by about \$20.00 and when that happens you are going to probably see the cost at landfills increase as well. The school pizza box collection program hopefully will start again at the first of the New Year.

Matt Rosser – none.

Jay VanStee – regarding the 2Go Zero (Recycling & Hazardous Waste Guide) that Rachel Frantz requested copies of, he doesn't know how outdated that information is there is as it was created some time ago and hasn't been updated since. However, there were labels put on them that state "new updated guide available at barrycountyreycles.org"

Patricia Rayl – none.

Adjournment

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

Approved at the 11-05-2021 meeting

September 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 September 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*
 - No activity this period
- *On behalf of the SWOC, reports to the County Board of Commissioners to provide program updates*
 - Presented to the Board of Commissioners 9/21/2021
- *At the direction of the SWOC, communicates and coordinates with neighboring county recycling programs as needed*
 - No activity this period
- *At the direction of the SWOC, serves as a representative in recycling user groups, for example the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC) and regional subgroups*
 - MRC updates:
 - Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will host a third Foam Recycle Weekend on September 24-26 [WWRA to Host Foam Recycling Weekend | The Sun Times News](#)
 - [Norman, OK Organization Expands Drop-Off Foam Recycling Operations to Serve Over 140,000 Households - Waste Advantage Magazine](#)
 - [Kent County residents may pay more for trash and recycling service due to proposed 'tipping fee' increases - mlive.com](#)
 - Small and Rural Community Recycling and Waste Reduction webinar Sessions 1 & 2
 - Recycle Ann Arbor uses a fee for service model
 - Starting to work at creating a MRF
 - Midland has a business recycling program where they go around and pick up recycling from businesses

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
 - Contacted Padnos to inquire about partnering on future HHW events to provide electronics recycling. Two representatives have been added to the meeting email list and will be attending upcoming meetings.

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.*
 - Presented at the Middleville Rotary meeting on September 28, 2021
 - Sent in first educational article to The Reminder on October 1, 2021, *Are You Recycling in Barry County?*
 - Presented at the Hastings Rotary meeting on October 4, 2021
- *Maintains and serves as the primary contact for the website: barrycountyrecycles.org*
 - Emails:
 - 9/8/2021 - Request to present at Hastings Rotary
 - 9/10/2021 - Question about HHW event (fluorescent and CFL bulbs)

- Phone Calls:
 - 9/23/2021 - Question about household battery recycling
- Added Recycling Map and Agricultural Film Plastics Recycling pages to website
 - [Agricultural Film Plastic Recycling](#)
 - [Barry County Recycling Map](#)

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: Village of Woodland (9/13), Woodland Township (9/14), Irving Township (9/21), and Maple Grove Township (10/6)
 - Castleton, Maple Grove, Nashville Transfer Station
 - Visited the transfer station Saturday, September 25. Brian gave me a tour of the facility and explained about the metal scrapping process. I was able to observe multiple patrons use the facility.
 - Attended the C, MG, N Transfer Station Recycle Board meeting September 27 and reported on visit and gave recommendations to the board. Six members of the public were present who also voiced concerns and ideas for improvements of the transfer station.
 - Requested quotes for tire pickup;
 - Environmental Rubber Recycling, Flint: drop trailers (53 ft van) at \$1500 per trailer, or hand pick up \$2.50 per auto/ light truck tires
 - Deerpath Recyclers, Dowagiac:
 - Entech, Middlebury:
 - First Class Tire Shredders, Clio:
 - Mobile Recycling Unit
 - Reached out to Sarah from Calhoun County to find out more details on the mobile recycling unit they are purchasing with a recent EGLE grant.
 - Began researching mobile recycling unit for Barry County ☐ Mobile Recycling Units

Goals for next month:

- Create mobile recycling unit plan
 - Service areas
 - Initial cost of unit
 - Cost to run and maintain
 - Driver/attendant
 - Contracts for recycling (where will it all go?)
- Research recycling for apartment complexes (and similar)
- Attend MI Recycling Coalition 2021 Annual Conference October 28 – 29, 2021
- Publish HHW collection event summary

Potential Additional Items for SWOC Approval (additional funds needed)

- N/A

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AGENDA

OCTOBER 8TH, 2021

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (AUGUST 13TH & SEPTEMBER 10TH)**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. BUDGET/TRIAL BALANCE UPDATE (PATTIE RAYL)**
- 7. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SUMMARY (SEPT 18TH)**
- 8. RECYCLING COORDINATOR**
- 9. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

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SIGN-IN

OCTOBER 8TH, 2021

NAME

- 1. FRANK FIATUT BCRC
- 2. JERRIE FIALA GUEST
- 3. Jodi Resell MEHA REP.
- 4. Rachel Frantz BCD / Recycling Coordinator
- 5. Sarah Nelson BCD
- 6. Jim Brown HASTINGS TWP.
- 7. Billy Smith Yankee Springs Twp
- 8. Matt Rosser Waste Management
- 9. Sandy Percy Paidnos
- 10. Say Van Sa BE/DH
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

EXCUSED

GUEST

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____