



CALHOUN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Advisory Committee Members Jim Coury, Gary Tompkins, Kurt Tribbett, and Brandy VanHorn. Art Kale joined at 4:03 PM.

Absent Excused: Advisory Committee Members: Mike Yarger.

County Staff: Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Sarah Kelly

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting Called to Order by Gary Tompkins at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll called, quorum present.

3. Election of Officers

a. and b. Chair and Vice Chair

Gary Tompkins for Chair and Kurt Tribbett for Vice Chair, moved by Kurt Tribbett; supported by Jim Coury.

4. Approval of Agenda

Approval of February 16, 2022 Solid Waste Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda as presented, moved by Jim Coury; supported by Kurt Tribbett.

On a voice vote, Yes - 4

Motion CARRIED.

5. Public Comments:

There was none.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the December 15, 2021 Minutes moved by Kurt Tribbett; supported by Brandy VanHorn.

On a voice vote, Yes - 5

Motion CARRIED.

7. Communication:

There was none.

8. Old Business:

Gary Tompkins gave a report on the grant that was given to fund the illegal dumping cameras. They are getting closer, but they are still working on generating images that will work for prosecuting the illegal dumpers.

9. New Business:

Committee applications. Elli Blonde and Rod Auton to fill the 2 vacant General Public positions on the committee and Lucas Rolston (Granger) to fill a vacant Solid Waste Management Industry position. Currently, our bylaws do not require Calhoun County residency. The committee does need to follow the state definitions for the following committee positions: Solid Waste Management Industry, Environmental Interest Group, Regional Solid Waste Planning Agency, and General Public. In addition to the above applicants, there are still the following committee vacancies: 1 position Solid



Waste Management Industry, 1 position Township Government, 2 positions Environmental Interest Group, and 1 position Industrial Waste Generator. Recommend the appointment of the two General Public applicants (Elli Blonde and Rod Auton), and the one Solid Waste Management Industry applicant Lucas Rolston from Granger, moved by Art Kale; supported by Jim Coury.

On a voice vote: Yes – 5

Motion CARRIED.

10. Department Report: (Sarah Kelly)

- C&C Landfill Recycling Center
 - January – December: 5,844 loads of recycling
 - January – December: 462 passes issued
 - January 2022 loads: 418
 - January 2022 passes: 10

Although the program started as a recycling option for residents living in communities without a single hauler contract, the program has adjusted as single hauler programs have changed. Reasons for requesting cards include generating more recycling than what fits in your curbside cart, living in multi-family housing, single hauler programs excluding glass which is accepted at the landfill center, and Marshall's single hauler program charging for recycling.

Pennfield, Marshall, and Emmett Township residents are the main users of the C&C Landfill Recycling Center. Residents using the center show their cards listing their local unit of government and card number. The County is charged \$4 per load. Most residents bring single loads, but it is normal to get 1 or 2 double loads a month. We did have one triple load in 2021. Residents are not asked to verify their address when they are at the landfill, because we do not currently card recyclers at the Marshall Recycling Center or event participants.

When the Waste Management drop-off center closed in April 2021, we saw an increase in pass requests from the townships surrounding the City of Battle Creek. The bigger issue is the lack of available curbside recycling to our township residents.

January 2022 loads and pass requests are down. This is due to either weather conditions or the public adjusting to the Marshall Recycling Center reopening. Use will continue to be monitored.

- HHW RFP

The selected vendor can no longer provide services in the RFP. There is no dually signed contract. We are working with our lawyer to contract with a different vendor. The new contract will need to go before the Board of Commissioners in March. We have not been able to release our 2022 HHW event dates, because we do not have a contracted vendor. The other vendor that bid is more expensive, but they are still willing to provide the services requested in our RFP. The Solid Waste Program will adjust its budget if needed, but I am already taking cost-saving measures to help cover this change. We will have to address increasing vendor costs when we create our 2023 budget.
- Marshall Recycling Center
 - 2021 total: 9 tons of material, but we are missing the volume and check for one load of cardboard.



- Traffic has been picking up, and Tuesday is our busiest day.
- Added colored glass and picture frame glass the end of December. Collected fifteen 32-gallon carts and two 95-gallon carts of glass between the end of December and February 15. This material will go to Ohio to be processed and then head back to our county as feedstock for local industry. This is the only program that I know of that can take picture frame glass. We are using the hub and spoke model with Recycling Jackson (nonprofit) and the Marshall Recycling Center (government) feeding material to Biz Aid, a private sector material recovery facility. The glass has value and demand. Sarah will reach out to the Homer Recycling to see if they are interested in participating and see how their center is doing.
- EGLE Infrastructure Grant
 - Bill of Sale and Certificate of Origin arrived last week.
 - We can get a license plate through the Finance Department after the Bill of Sale is signed.
 - Our truck is still scheduled to be built in February. It should be available in March.
 - Some information about our trailer has been added to the website.
 - We are moving the trailer closer to the recycling center next week, so we can determine what supplies we need for operating it.
- Sharps Program
 - No more issues after moving the Battle Creek container.
 - Contract will renew if both parties agree.
- Scrap Tires Grant
 - Grant submitted in January.
 - EGLE review of recommendations started last Friday.
 - Grant includes our 3 events, the City of Battle Creek 2 events, and a cleanup of two properties in Battle Creek (over 1000 tires). This includes a Landbank property and a property that EGLE wants cleaned up.
 - Environmental Rubber in Flint will be the vendor. The tires will be burned to generate power.
 - We will put together a team of staff and volunteers to move the tires if the cleanup is funded.
 - Huffman Rubber is not in compliance with EGLE.
- Electronics/Scrap Metal
 - Vendors are booked for both electronics collections.
 - Looking for someone to remove refrigerant. Prior vendor doesn't have staff or time to help us this year.
 - We may use vendor that can come for the second half of the event. We would just line up all the appliances with refrigerant and have them ready for the vendor.
- Compost Center
 - Commercial composting center is working out zoning issues with Convis Township.
 - They are working on their final site plan.
 - Goal is to do construction this year as they already purchased the land and equipment.



- Upcoming Projects
 - I am participating in a couple of EGLE stakeholder groups. One relates to county planning and the other involves local programs and market development. Both relate to the use of Renew Michigan Funding.
 - I have submitted changes and corrections to our county profile to RRS, and I am working with RRS and EGLE to understand the scope of material to include in the profile which will be used when we make our next county plan.
 - I plan on using our recycling trailer to collect cardboard at our events this year.

11. Member Comments:

None.

12. Staff Comments:

None.

13. Announcements: The next Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the Law Library.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.