

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
County Administrative Building, Third Floor Conference Room
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present: Mark Sabin
 Steve Wyckoff
 Sarah Todd
 Gary Holland
 AJ Johnson
 Nancy Johnson
 Darin Dood
 Lonnie Smith

Members Absent: Chris Johnston
 Charles Hauser
 Roger Rockburn

Staff Present: Michelle Becker, Confidential Administrative Assistant

Mark Sabin called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Mark led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Michelle informed the committee of receiving an email from Taylor Bass from Grainger who is replacing Charles Hauser for the rest of his term ending December 31, 2023.

Public comments were offered; none were given.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Lonnie Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motioned by Gary Holland, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to approve the February 23, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mark Sabin introduced Alyssa Silveus as the new Resource Recovery Coordinator and they provided the following report:

- Five appointments at the permanent electronics recycle site since the last meeting.
- Contamination grant in the works and due by May 31, 2023.
- Site visits were good, just a bit of cleanup from winter debris.
- Met with Doug Gietzen at the Stanton site, breaking ground in soon.

A.J. Johnson provided the following Recycling and Landfill Report with Roger absent:

- Due to a soil job, February over by approximately 3,110 lbs. or \$3,855; a new job in May is expected to bring in an additional \$1,000 per month.
- No issues reported at the recycle sites; there was a suggestion for a larger hole for laundry soap containers as they do not fit at the new compactor units.
- AJ has a good video about recycling he will share for use in training or websites.

New Business: Mark Sabin provided an infrastructure update and stated he has a \$5,000 commitment from Sidney, Evergreen, Bloomer, Fairplains, Crystal and Douglass Townships, City of Stanton and Carson City; pending are Bushnell, Day, Montcalm and Pine Townships. Mark is planning to visit Eureka, Ferris, Maple Valley and Winfield Townships next month.

Mark also reported receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Recycle Coalition to be used for cameras, fencing or any other reasonable security need.

Volunteers will be needed for the May 6th Tire & Electronics event and the May 20th Household Hazardous Waste event held in Stanton; Mark stated Central Montcalm football coach will provide volunteers as will the Montabella students.

Old Business Darin Dood was interested in adding a scrap metal bin to the current recycle site for a residential drop off site. AJ Johnson, Republic Services, provided a proposal to deliver a 30-yard open-top metal recycle container to the Lakeview site for \$60; the fee to haul the full container to Greenville Steel is \$338. The steel would yield approximately \$176 per ton, based on the market price, which flexuates.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to recommend to the Montcalm County Board of Commissioner to allow the Solid Waste Management Committee to provide a scrap metal bin at the Village of Lakeview recycle site. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the Crystal and Carson City future sites for compactor units. Carson City is already planning to install cameras at their new office location. Crystal will be putting cameras in once they secure a site, potentially near the fire barn, Nancy Johnson will be the point of contact for the project.

Steve Wyckoff asked about the update on the Solid Waste Plan; it was initially left off the agenda because there was nothing new to report, however, Brenda Taeter emailed the committee members that she just received notification that the Board of Commissioners has 180 days to file a form with EGLE indicating whether they are going to update the existing plan or let EGLE do one for the county. From the 180th day, approximately September 29th, the county will have 36 months to fully implement the update plan.

State Land Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, breakfast will be provided in the morning followed by everyone meeting at Twin Ponds in Stanton.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Lonnie Smith, to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary