

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Thursday, August 24, 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  
                              Darin Dood  
                              AJ Johnson  
                              Nancy Johnson  
                              Chris Johnston  
                              Lonnie Smith  
                              Roger Rockburn

Members Absent:     Gary Holland  
                              Taylor Bass

Staff Present:         Brenda Taeter, County Controller  
                              Michelle Becker, Confidential Administrative Assistant  
                              Alyssa Silveus, Resource Recovery Coordinator

Others Present:       Amber Snow, Montcalm Conservation District  
                              Sarah Daily, Crystal Township Trustee

Mark Sabin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mark led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Public comments were offered; Mark Sabin shared that at both the HHW and Tire & Electronics events, citizens commented on how organized the events are.

Motioned by Lonnie Smith, supported by Chris Johnston, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motioned by Sarah Todd, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to approve the July 27, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Coordinator's Report: Alyssa Silveus, Resource Recovery Coordinator, provided the following report:

- 17 appointments at the permanent electronics recycle site since the last meeting.
- Issues continue with overflowing cardboard at non-compactor sites.
- Multiple hours spent at sites to educate consumers to change recycle habits.

- 63 Vehicles at the HHW event in Carson City August 5, 2023
- 128 Vehicles at the Tire & Electronics event in Lakeview August 10, 2023
- Spring Tire & Electronics Event tentative date of Saturday, May 4, 2024
- Spring Household Hazardous Waste TBD when they start scheduling for 2024.
- Stanton site has stationary portion of compactor unit and are awaiting bins.
- Carson City will be breaking ground and pouring concrete in September.

Alyssa stated the Montabella Hoops volunteered and Parker-Hannifin providing lunch and volunteers as well. Mark Sabin asked that a thank you letter be sent to both.

Roger Rockburn provided the Recycling and Landfill Report:

- July tonnage and revenue over by 229 ton/\$245; August volume projected to come in 400 ton over budget or \$428.
- There was discussion regarding some potential changes in Kent County with the Business Park plan to replace the South Kent Landfill. There have been concerns over the cost involved to invest in the park as well as the sustainability of the plan; the vote for this has been pushed out until October and Roger will keep the committee updated.

New Business: The committee reviewed the EGLE letter for the new material management plan in attachment A and discussed the new member structure. Some current members will be able to fill some of the positions, however, some positions will require new members due to the new requirements. Brenda Taeter took suggestion for potential new candidates for the new committee plan and will work toward getting those appointed in January of 2024.

The committee review the Isabella County letter of interest in collaboration; Brenda reported that EGLE is pushing collaboration with neighboring counties for the new plan. After discussion, there is no plan to collaborate at this time.

The committee discussed Household Hazardous Waste and Tire & Electronics events for next year and wondered if these events will still continue with the new plan. Members agreed they would like to continue with the events as long as there is still a need for them.

Old Business: Infrastructure Grant Update- No information has been received on the status of the Grant.

Carson City site update: Concrete is schedule to be poured in early September.

Crystal site update: Nancy Johnson is working with Consumers Energy get the electric moved from Main Street to the new site and concrete will be poured in a few weeks. Nancy stated the bins need to be moved to pour the concrete and AJ Johnson from Republic Services will assist when that is needed.

The Stanton site has the compactor units on site and are waiting or the bins to be delivered. The committee discussed doing a soft opening or ribbon cutting that will be organized via email.

Public comments were offered; Steve Wyckoff stated there was a complaint at the Stanton site with the bins being full, and he explained the new compactor units will be installed soon and this should alleviate issues of it being full in the future. Mr. Wyckoff also stated the public has complimented the Conservation District for offering the electronic recycling regularly onsite.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Chris Johnston, to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary