

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
County Administrative Building, Third Floor Conference Room  
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present:     Mark Sabin  
                              Steve Wyckoff  
                              Roger Rockburn  
                              Gary Holland  
                              Nancy Mills  
                              Chris Johnston

Members Absent:     Lonnie Smith  
                              Charles Hauser  
                              Scott Painter  
                              Sarah Todd  
                              Darin Dood

Staff Present:        Brenda Taeter, Controller  
                              Michelle Becker, Administrative Aide  
                              Elijah Riggen, Recycle Technician  
                              Jake Ellison, Republic Services

Other Guests:        Christy Valentine  
                              Gary Smith  
                              Al Almy

Mark Sabin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Sabin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Public comments were offered. Christy Valentine, Gary Smith and Al Almy from Ionia were in attendance to learn more about the recycle program in Montcalm County with hopes of starting a recycle program in Ionia County.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Gary Holland, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nancy Mills, supported by Roger Rockburn, to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Elijah Riggen, Recycle Technician, provided the following Coordinators Report:

- August- September, 27 appointments at the permanent electronics site.
- Recycle sites in good condition since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; a few bulk items here or there and general maintenance at the sites.
- Fall HHW event scheduled for October 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Edmore DPW.
- Tire & Electronics event August 13, 9am-12pm at the Edmore DPW was slower than normal with 59 vehicles, more with electronics than tire; it may have been due to the rain or the past events have made an impact on the clean-up of tires in the County.
- May 6 and September 30 are booked for 2023 events with locations to be determined.
- Permanent Electronic site is nearly full and a pickup will be scheduled as needed.
- Recycling Quality Improvements Grant start date is September 26 to allow for materials to be printed and mailed; this will begin the outreach along with auditing all sites for contamination every week for 6 weeks with a the possibility of a 2-week extension. The MRF audit conducted on 9/12/2022 at the Kent County facility showed very low contamination from the Stanton and Edmore; other sites revealed a manageable amount of contamination. Overall, the loads from the County were very clean.

Roger Rockburn provided the Recycling and Landfill Report:

- July & August tonnage and revenue slightly down with September projected to come in 700 ton under budget or \$700. Single Stream is down 70,940 pounds from 2022.
- Roger stated there would be a fall landfill tour he will let us know the date.

New Business – The committee reviewed the Village of Edmore and Howard City compactor proposals; it was decided to lease the units due to maintenance being covered under the agreement. Jake Ellison stated the Edmore site needs wiring yet while the Howard City is waiting on Consumers for electric and working on the concrete pad. Units are expected to be delivered by mid-October. Shelves and the other safety features will be added as they were at Lakeview site.

Public comments were offered. The Ionia guests had many questions, Roger Rockburn had answers and suggestion as the historian of the committee.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Nancy Mills, to adjourn at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darin Dood, Secretary*