

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 28, 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
 Gary Holland
 Lonnie Smith
 Roger Rockburn-arrived at 2:30 p.m.

Members Absent: 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
 Jakob Bigard, Montcalm Economic Alliance
 Bill Ferguson, City of Stanton Mayor

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; none were given.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Chris Johnston, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motioned by Sarah Todd, supported by Lonnie Smith, to approve the August 24, 2023 minutes
as presented. Motion carried.

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

- 29 appointments at the permanent electronics recycle site, 13 of those attended the open electronics day on August 30, 2023.
- Multiple hours spent at sites to educate consumers to change recycle habits.
- Spring Tire & Electronics Event tentative dates of Saturday, May 4 & August 26, 2024, location to be determined.
- Spring Household Hazardous Waste TBD with ERG when they start scheduling for 2024.

Alyssa stated she attended the Michigan Recycling Coalition Regional meeting on September 7, 2023, and has notes and access to slides from the presentation if anyone is interested.

New Business: The committee reviewed the tentative new Materials Management Plan committee members list and welcomed Bill Ferguson, City of Stanton Mayor and Jakob Bigard, Montcalm Economic Alliance. All new members were invited to attend the meeting today, however, Jake Borton and Mike Adams had to cancel but confirmed their interest in being on the committee and plan to attend the October meeting. Tom Pollock from City of Greenville has not responded, so the committee will continue looking to fill the Compost/Anaerobic Digester Facility Operator position.

The committee confirmed the 2024 reappointments for Roger Rockburn, Lonnie Smith, Nancy Johnson, Darin Dood and Commissioner Chris Johnson; committee members questioned why the new plan doesn't have appointments for citizens, and it is unknown why this has changed.

Mark Sabin reported that Alyssa Silveus and Amber Snow are providing education seminars called "Recycling 101" at the Tamarack District Library and the White Pine Library this month and plan to do additional seminars. Alyssa explained they are also working on providing a QR code at the recycle sites to assist with educating users. Lonnie Smith commented that users are a bit apprehensive to use the compactor units and some guidance will be very helpful. Gary Holland inquired on education materials for all age levels to educate in the schools systems again; Lonnie commented that recycling was part of their curriculum in the past and the schools are asking for this program again. It was also mentioned that 4H is a good area to focus on education also.

Old Business: The Recycling Infrastructure Grant was approved in the amount of \$100,000 and Brenda is working on submitting invoices for the compactor projects.

Carson City Site Update: Concrete is completed and the electric is ready to go and they are waiting for the compactor units to be delivered.

Crystal Site Update: The concrete project will begin next week and Brooks Electric will do their part and Consumers Energy has promised to have electric to the site with 18 days.

There will be a ribbon cutting at the Stanton site with the new compactor units following today's meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend. Mark Sabin stated that he has very much enjoyed working with the Solid Waste Committee members the past few years and feels the commitment of the members has allowed this program to grow. Montcalm County is the first county in

Michigan to have compactor units and that is something to be proud of. Committee members appreciate Mark and his willingness to encourage state land clean-up events and taking the lead with organizing the collection events throughout the years.

The committee moved the Landfill Report to the end of the meeting to allow Roger Rockburn some additional time to get to the meeting today.

Roger Rockburn provided the Recycling and Landfill Report:

- August tonnage and revenue over by 708 ton/\$758; September volume projected to come in 530 ton over budget or \$567.
- 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 and the investors; a vote may take place by the end of this year or in 2024.
- Roger stated that Republic Service has provided a bid to provide services in Kent County and it is still unknown if they have been awarded the bid; not being awarded this contract could impact the revenues from the landfill significantly.

Public comments were offered; none were given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Motioned by, Lonnie Smith, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to adjourn at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary