

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
County Administrative Building, Third Floor Conference Room
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present: Mark Sabin
 Roger Rockburn
 Steve Wyckoff
 Sarah Todd
 Chris Johnston
 AJ Johnson
 Nancy Johnson
 Gary Holland

Members Absent: Darin Dood
 Lonnie Smith
 Charles Hauser

Staff Present: Brenda Taeter, County Controller
 Michelle Becker, Confidential Administrative Assistant
 Doug Gietzen, Building & Grounds Director

Brenda Taeter, County Controller, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

Ms. Taeter stated that she would accept nominations for the position of chairperson for the Solid Waste Management Committee. Gary Holland placed Mark Sabin's name into the nominations supported by Steve Wyckoff. Nominations were closed and unanimous ballot cast for Mark Sabin as Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sabin stated that he would accept nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mark Sabin placed the name of Gary Holland into nominations supported by Roger Rockburn. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Gary Holland as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sabin stated that he would accept nominations for the position of Secretary. Roger Rockburn placed the name of Darin Dood into the nominations, supported by Steve Wyckoff. Nominations were closed and unanimous ballot cast for Darin Dood as Secretary. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered; none were given.

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

Motioned by Nancy Johnson, supported by Roger Rockburn, to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mark Sabin reported there are currently two very good candidates for the Resource Recovery position and they are currently doing background checks. Mark stated he has been checking all the recycle site weekly or biweekly and the only issue of concern were pallets stacked in front of the compactor units in Edmore, and they were removed to keep anyone from falling.

Roger Rockburn gave Recycling and Landfill Report:

- October, November & December were down approximately 7,000 lbs.; January may be down by about a ton.
- Consumer Pricing Index is 6.5% and will be rounded up to 7% for the landfill user fees.
- Republic Services will have an open house in June/July, Roger will know more later.

New Business: The committee discussed the grand opening for the new compactor units at the Edmore recycle site on Friday, April 14, 2023, with ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Curtis Building, 209 Sheldon Street, Edmore. Justin Lakamper, Village Manager, will invite the village officials, Brenda will invite commissioners, and the Conservation District will contact the Recycle Coalition and the Outmans.

Mark Sabin reported he has visited Sidney, Evergreen and Bloomer Townships regarding funding for the compactor unit sites, they are all willing to put in up to \$5,000 after April 1, 2023. Mark has also spoken with the City of Stanton, they are interested and will vote on the funding request in two weeks. Mark will be visiting Fairplain and Crystal Township and the Village of Carson City.

The committee discussed installing the compactor units previously scheduled for the Village of Howard City in Stanton as soon as possible; Doug will work on a location.

The committee reviewed the ERG fee increase, Mark noted they still offer the lowest prices around and have been the best to work with.

2023 Collection Events:

- Tire & Electronics: May 6, 2023, in Stanton.
- Household Hazardous Waste: May 20, 2023, in Stanton.

Montcalm Care Network will need to move their vehicles for the events.

The Scrap Tire Grant was approved for 2023 in the amount of \$12,000; the State will now be paying the tire hauler directly and it will be necessary to get an accurate tire count the day of the event. It was mentioned that a business in Indiana, Liberty Recycling, was sending literature regarding collection of tires; Mark will check to see what they offer and the cost.

Solid Waste Management General Plan Update – Michigan’s new Solid Waste statute was signed into law December of 2022; EGLE has been developing an implementation plan with work groups will starting in May of 2023. Additional requirements for County’s may be composting site, which some are already existing in the County; more information to come.

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.

Old Business: Scrap Metal Drop 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 changes daily.

The committee discussed the need for Farm Plastic Recycling; there is a site in Sunfield, Michigan, Mark is going to do some more research on the facility and he believes there would be quite an investment to build a site in Montcalm County.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Chris Johnston, to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary