

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 22, 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  
                              Taylor Bass  
                              Roger Rockburn

Staff Present:         Brenda Taeter, County Controller  
                              Michelle Becker, Confidential Administrative Assistant

Others Present:       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; none were given.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

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

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

- 23 appointments at the permanent electronics recycle site since the last meeting and Valley City emptied the container on June 20, 2023.

- Issues reported at the Crystal and Stanton sites of overflowing cardboard and trash; two days per week are spent at non-compactor sites to educate consumers and clean-up site.
- Tire & Electronics event Saturday, May 6 - 104 vehicles with tires and 144 vehicles with electronics, 55 with both, for 303 total; tire trailer was full by 11:00 a.m. and 23 vehicles were turned away.
- Household Hazardous Waste Saturday, May 20 had 205 vehicles and 21,451 pound collected.
- Quality Improvement Grant period ended May 31, 2023; 10-20 hours per week spent at the recycling sites surveying consumers as required, final grant reporting is underway.

Mark Sabin mentioned the traffic plan for the upcoming event in Carson City and indicated the Montabella Hoops would again be assisting again.

Recycling and Landfill Report: Roger Rockburn is not in attendance and AJ will see about the report is emailed to the committee.

New Business: Brenda Taeter learned of an Infrastructure grant while at conference May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and was able to apply by the deadline date of May 19<sup>th</sup>; it is unknown when she will notified of results. Darin Dood expressed a big thank you to Brenda for putting in the effort to apply for the grant with such short notice and stated what she pulled together was great.

The fall event have been finalizes with the Household Hazardous Waste event being Saturday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Carson City at 420 W. Garfield Street and the Tire & Electronics event Thursday, August 10 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.at the Lakeview Airport, 9223 Airport Drive, Lakeview.

The committee discussed checking ID's to determine that users are Montcalm County residents or possibly charging a stipend; committee members felt the common goal is to keep items from being dumped, it is best to continue without doing either. Mark did speak of some upset people who brought tires and the trailers were full and they were turned away.

There was some discussion regarding the \$5,000 from the townships toward the recycle sites; Brenda felt that if the grant she applied for is awarded to the committee, those that have already paid should be refunded. Mark Sabin disagreed and felt it should be put toward other sites. There was additional discussion that Lakeview paid for theirs in its entirety and that doesn't seem fair.

The committee reviewed the FY2024 budget document prepared by Brenda Taeter; after a few questions, everyone was pleased with proposed budget as presented.

Old Business: The Howard City site is ready to go and should be open the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>, and there was some discussion of a ribbing cutting ceremony; Brenda will get with Mike Falcon on a date and time.

The Lakeview scrap metal site is ready to go and they are waiting for signs and literature to educate the general public on the intended use of the bin/site. Darin would also like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony and Lakeview and Howard City may do the same day back-to-back.

The committee discussed the Carson City site; the concrete bids are awaiting approval and the electric is being rerouted for the project.

The Crystal township board will vote on upgrading the current site at their July 12<sup>th</sup> township meeting. The three-phase electric is located at 217 Park Street and Nancy Johnson is working with Consumers on those details. AJ Johnson suggested meeting with Nancy regarding the site location prior to any concrete being poured. The abuse of the site over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was discussed in great detail and this site has continued to be a problem specifically in the summer months.

Solid Waste Plan Update: Brenda reported that many changes will take place with the new plan requirements. 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 180<sup>th</sup> day, approximately September 29<sup>th</sup>, the county will have 36 months to fully implement the update plan. Brenda noted there are additional requirement for composting site in the County and they are pushing for partnership and collaboration with local counties as well. Brenda also noted that requirements for the Materials Management Planning Committee will drastically change membership of the current Solid Waste Management Committee.

Public comments were offered. Sarah Daily offered that advertising for events of this nature in other townships are limited to residents and property owner of the County.

Mark Sabin also mentioned that five cameras have been purchased with grant funds.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Motioned by AJ Johnson, supported by Darin Dood, to adjourn at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary