

# **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**8:30 a.m.**

**WESTERN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – via Remote.**

**Members Present:** Dries, Smith, Schmidt, Pratt, McCririe, McCormick

**Members Absent:** Maciejewski

**Liaison Absent:** Commissioner Jason Morgan

**Public Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director  
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor  
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Dries called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Member Virtual roll call**

Dries, attending remotely, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Schmidt, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
McCririe, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Pratt, attending remotely, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Smith, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
McCormick, attending remotely, City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pratt, supported by McCririe, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

WWRA Public Hearing #2 – August 10, 2021

Motion by McCormick, supported by Schmidt, to approve the WWRA Public Hearing #2 meeting minutes of August 10, 2021. Motion Carried.

Regular Meeting Minutes-August 18, 2021

Motion by Pratt, supported by Smith, to approve the meeting minutes of August 18, 2021. Motion Carried.

**5. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

No Public in attendance

**6. Reports/Program Updates**

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported the lake treatment season is winding down and they are beginning to plan the 2022 treatment season. She mentioned the hosting of the Chain of Lakes Fall 2021 Update and Educational Meeting. The meeting will be both a zoom meeting and in person attendance this

next week. For those attending in person, masks are required. She also reported there has been issues recently with an abundance of wild celery, a nuisance native plant this year on several of the lakes. She is looking to the most effective way to manage with possible harvesting operations. There also has been some illegal dumping reported that EGLE is handling those complaints. She reported the lake reports for 2021 should be in by December, she will be posting on the web sites. Dries mentioned to hover over the link in the flyer for the Chain of Lakes Fall 2021 Update meeting and it will allow you to join the meeting for BPW members. He encouraged member to attend this meeting.

**B) PIAC Update**

- Evaluation Status Update  
There was no discussion on this item.

**C) WRRMA Update**

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 6/18/21 & 7/19/21  
Received and filed.
- Audit Results  
Eggermont wanted to mention the final report will be available soon and will be posted on various sites. He mentioned a highlight based on the educational outreach that was done reduced the contamination rate of 42% as a result. The program target was 40% so he was very pleased with those results. He mentioned most of the contamination was with film and plastic grocery bags. There will be more educational outreach to reduce those contamination items. He also mentioned each community will have reports of the data results within their specific communities. He mentioned they also applied and received for a follow up grant to continue these efforts.  
Eggermont also reported that WWRA also has applied for the same grant to help with the contamination reduction efforts.
- Articles Amendment Update  
Eggermont provided update on the Amended articles to allow the City of Ann Arbor to join the WRRMA, as Pittsfield Township is the last WRRMA member to approve and expects it to be on the township's October's meeting agenda for approval.

**D) Directors Report**

- EGLE follow up to Landfill meeting  
Eggermont followed up with EGLE to with the Air Quality last week. He mentioned the Arbor Hills Energy, gas collection report was completed and discussed a future proposed reduction plan concerning those emissions. He also mentioned the PFAS study is underway and is expecting to see those results as to where the contamination is coming from. GFL is working with EGLE on this study.
- Arbor Hills Home Toxics exploration  
Eggermont also mentioned GFL contacted him with regards to HHW collection and they are interested in starting an operation at the landfill for collection.
- WWRA Robot Installation and Grant Application  
Eggermont mentioned WWRA robot installation has been completed. He will be going to visit to see this machine in operation. He also mentioned setting up a tour with BPW and PIAC soon.

- Overview/Draft Resolution for Replacement DOS  
Eggermont provided comments to the overview of the structural deficiencies at the RRA Drop Off Station. He mentioned the need for the support from the Solid Waste funding to obtain a new facility for these efforts in collection of materials. He is recommended to provide \$1M maximum to support the efforts to relocate this operational facility in this Draft Resolution. There was discussion about the draft Resolution to support the Replacement with Pratt recommending, the amount of the Solid Waste funding language be a not to exceed amount. Eggermont mentioned that the amount is not binding and can be reduced based on additional funding that may be available through other entities for the location replacement. Eggermont expects to have a final proposed resolution for the replacement drop off station as the October Board of Public Works meeting.

**7. Action Items**

A) Debt Retirement -Vouchers #8290

Motion by Schmidt, supported by McCormick, to approve the Voucher #8290. Motion Carried.

B) Memorandum of Claims – Vouchers #8291-8298

Motion by McCormick, supported by Smith, to approve the Vouchers #8291-8298. Motion Carried.

**8. Financial Reports**

**9. Other Business**

Eggermont mentioned Board of Public Works has 2 members terms that are expiring, and those positions have been posted on the Washtenaw Counties Clerks page for volunteers to fill those term expirations.

**10. Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

**11. Adjournment 9:04 a.m.**

*Molly Maciejewski*

Molly Maciejewski, Secretary