

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

8:30 a.m.

WESTERN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – via Remote.

Members Present: James Dries, Lauren Smith, Andrew Schmidt, Evan Pratt, Gary McCririe, Molly Maciejewski

Members Absent: Mike McCormick

Liaison Present: 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 8:31 a.m.

2. Member Virtual roll call

James Dries, attending remotely, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Andrew Schmidt, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Gary McCririe, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Evan Pratt, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Lauren Smith, attending remotely, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Molly Maciejewski, attending remotely, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Jason Morgan, attending remotely, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes-October 20, 2021
Motion by Pratt, supported by Schmidt, to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2021.
Motion Carried.

5. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
No Public in attendance

6. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

- Eurasian Milfoil Project Overview

Koloski reported there is an opportunity to work with a PHD student out of Michigan Tech University approached the Portage, Base, & Whitewood Owners Association (PBWOA) to study the Eurasian Milfoil populations on the lakes via a drone. He presented his study plans to the PBWOA for support of this project and they passed a resolution to support this effort. He will share this information with us to use for any future project, lake management practices. He will be gathering this study information and looking forward to the study he is doing with drone. Koloski mentioned there is a meeting with PBWOA annual meeting this week to update. Smith asked about the bulletin for the project and asked if the project summary can be cleaned up as it was hard to follow the language. She also asked about other invasive species and if the drone would identify other plants other than Eurasian Milfoil. Koloski mentioned she would send the presentation to members to review. Eggermont mentioned the project summary was written for his submission of the project to the university.

B) PIAC

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 9/27/2021

Eggermont reported they reviewed small sponsorship and awarded to Dexter Township to support a Clean Up initiative to collect Styrofoam and electronics. They collected about 11,000 pounds of electronics with about 240 participants and collected a 30-yard container of scrap metal at this event. He mentioned we supported 50% of the costs of this event and the township did collect donations as well.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 9/20/2021

Eggermont mentioned Pittsfield Township has assigned Matthew Best as the delegate, therefore they had a quorum and able to vote to amend the articles of incorporation to include the City of Ann Arbor to the WRRMA.

Eggermont also mentioned they applied for Grant and will be able to accept the grant with the City of Ann Arbor joining the WRRMA.

D) Directors Report

Future Funding Committee

Eggermont mentioned the discussion about formation of a funding committee with his thoughts that creating an ordinance committed that would also include future funding. He would like to propose a joint committee of Board of Public Works and PIAC members to form this committee. Meeting monthly for about an hour, aiming 5-6 times. The ordinance that he has in mind would comprise of licensure requirement for hauler's and would require metrics reporting of recycling and waste tonnage, a placeholder or nominal fee requirement that could be amended if host community fees no longer exist, and penalties for compliance. Once the committee has reached a draft version, it would be presented to the Board of Public Works for input and feedback. Based on the content of the draft version of an ordinance he would look for input from Stakeholders, WRRMA and other entities to ensure any issues with municipalities and violations to the policy. Morgan mentioned this is an ongoing issue that he is hearing about with co-mingling of materials and is in support of this initiative included in the ordinance. He also mentioned any proposed ordinance would also be presented to the Board of Commissioners at a working session for review. He is currently seeking volunteers to form a joint committee from Board of Public Works and PIAC.

Dries mentioned this sounds reasonable and appropriate, he concerned with surrender it's charge to that committee is clear and is in support. Maciejewski mentioned she is in support and would like to be a participant and would like to see more communications from haulers to the residents of staff shortages in inability to collect recyclables. Smith is also in support and would like to participate in the committee.

Dexter Township

Eggermont also mentioned Dexter Township is seeking to go to a single hauler as one of their goals. The process can take a long time, with about 20 months to go through this process of creating an ordinance, gathering public input, determining service levels and the request for proposal contracts. He mentioned he would also be reaching out to other communities to see if there is any interest in more communities looking to go through this process. He thinks there are multiple benefits to this type of impact for the communities.

WWRA

Eggermont reported WWRA is expected to receive the truck they received grant funding for before the end of the year.

Arbor Hills Landfill

Eggermont provided update he connected with the engineer for quarterly check in on November 1st with the landfill completing construction with 30 wells drilled and replaced the ones that were older. He mentioned they have about 400 wells at the site. He mentioned the odors reports have increased and the engineer attributed to weather changes with seasonal changes the odors tend to rise when colder weather arrives. He mentioned the October reports indicated that the hydrogen sulfide emissions are within compliance levels. He mentioned they received a NOV shortly after this update due to the flares only burning at 90% during shutdown. He also mentioned Northville Township is actively pursuing litigation with regards the leachate pollution. The landfill does have permit to release leachate and he will be following this closely.

Eggermont reported the solid waste staff has been providing input with regards to the home Toxics center they are constructing at the landfill. They were able to use part of their finds towards projects called a supplemental environmental project (SEP). They are still in the visioning process and thinks we could expect a contract in operations of the facility and discussed funding benefits/implications.

Public Meeting Guidance

Eggermont mention the public meeting guidance included in the packet, will begin in January of 2022, as the meetings will be required in person at 705 N. Zeeb Road Room 2010 with observance to the Washtenaw County guidelines such as mask wearing while in public areas.

7. Action Items

A) Proposed 2022 Board of Public Works Meeting Calendar

Motion by Pratt, supported by Schmidt, to approve the 2022 Board of Public Works Meeting Calendar, moving the proposed December 21, 2022, date to December 14, 2022.

Roll call Vote. Motion Carried.

B) Resolution to Support Eurasian Milfoil Monitoring

Motion by Smith, supported by Schmidt, to approve the Resolution to Support Eurasian Milfoil Monitoring.

Roll call Vote. Motion Carried.

C) Resolution to Appoint PIAC Member

- Sarah PIAC Applicant Resume
- Composition of PIAC Membership

Motion by McCririe, supported by Schmidt, to approve the appointments of Sarah Mason, representing the City of Ann Arbor and renewal of the appointments of Matthew Naud, representing RRS, Bryan Weinert, representing Recycle Ann Arbor, Chris Simmons, representing Member of the Public.

Roll call Vote. Motion Carried.

8. Financial Reports

Received and Filed

Schmidt mentioned to update reports to exclude the error DIV/0 in the reports.

9. Other Business

None

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public in attendance

11. Adjournment 9:09 a.m.

Molly Maciejewski, via remotely

Molly Maciejewski, Secretary