

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 8:30 a.m.
WESTERN WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE
CENTER

705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Evan Pratt, Gary McCririe, Mike McCormick, Andrew Schmidt

Members Absent: Molly Maciejewski

Liaison Absent: Commissioner Katie Scott

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, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Root, supported by McCririe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- November 16, 2022

Motion by McCririe, supported by Root to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2022. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

5. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported she is working on 2023 Request for Proposals and contracts for the upcoming lake treatment season.

Root asked about results and improvements on those lake projects. Koloski reported that with invasives changes with new invasives showing up and native coming back. Root also asked how long these lake projects have been happening. Koloski responded that each of the Lake projects have different time frames of when they started. Whitmore Lake is the longest project we currently have starting in about 2006. Root also asked about the continued prospect of treatments in these lakes, and Koloski explained that there are new invasives that arise, usually created by waterfowl that brings those invasives into the lake systems. She mentioned it is a continuous cycle for treating to maintain some control of the invasives and native plant systems to create the most recreational use on these lakes for the residents. Pratt also mentioned when the process pauses in the lake treatments, they usually will have those issues back, the goal is to try to maintain and minimize costs throughout the process. Schmidt mentioned some of these projects are considered maintenance projects.

Eggermont mentioned expecting 2 new PA185 projects for Silver and Whitmore Lakes this next year. The townships are currently proposing resolutions for projects expected in January. Whitmore Lake has a considerable fund balance and will advise with township on renewal this year or future. He also mentioned he is working with legal counsel with regards to the Chain of Lakes fund balance process and options.

B) PIAC Update

Eggermont reported they are working with Andrew DeLeeuw, Strategic Director with County Administration on strategies for the Climate Action Plan.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 10/17/22

Received and File

Eggermont reported they are still working on the Request for Proposal for single haulers. He is expecting to have this out late next year for consideration as there are 5 communities looking to consider moving to single haulers.

Eggermont also reported there was only a 1% response rate on the Grant survey conducted for those that did not participate in the cart tagging. Working on next steps for reach out educational items to residents on recyclable materials.

Smith asked about the study on the recyclable carts and Eggermont responded the data is not completed yet. Smith also asked about the carts that will be delivered to Ypsilanti Township residents and noticed that there was no sticker on those carts but rather a flyer. She mentioned it would be helpful for the stickers be applied to the carts.

Schmidt mentioned an idea of a phone application that would let residents on what is recyclable would be helpful.

D) Directors Report

- Arbor Hills Landfill Update

Eggermont mentioned there was air violations issued at the landfill. He did follow up with EGLE and there were 34 exceedances at one point since June 10th. GLF response was only a total of 94 hours that were in exceedance of 1% in the period of September to December. He expects to see GFL to work on this issue to resolve the issues. He also mentioned GFL response was issues with weather patterns and creating new cells impact the exceedances of the monitoring systems. Schmidt asked if there is a possibility there is a monitoring issue. Pratt mentioned they are also currently moving a cell and re-lining that cell. There was discussion on the monitoring sensor's locations and emittances. McCririe asked about the life expectancy that the landfill will be operational. Pratt responded current capacity is 7-10 years, if they require an expansion to the landfill, they will have to request the Solid Waste Plan be re-opened, with lengthy process to propose an expansion to the landfill. Eggermont mentioned with the upcoming legislation passage for Part 115 may require Solid Waste Plans to be revised in the very near future.

- RFP Updates

Eggermont mentioned the HHW materials disposal vendor was selected, and the pricing didn't increase as much as expected. He reported the RFP is ready for the Board of Commissioners to review and approve in January due to the size of the contract.

Eggermont also expects the RFP for the lake projects management and applicators will be selected and will be seeking the approval at the next Board of Public Works meeting.

- DOS (Drop off Station) Update

Eggermont reported the project is moving along the planning process and board members to receive and invitation to a digital meeting on January 12th for the proposed plans. He said they are looking for input and feedback on the proposed designs and there will be a public meeting held in Pittsfield Township scheduled once all of the input and feedback are received from the January 12th meeting.

Eggermont also asked for Board of Public Works members support and input for funds from the Solid Waste to support the 3-1/2-4 million projected DOS project. Schmidt asked about putting together a

working group to determine the needs for the project. Eggermont mentioned at this time, just individual input until it's ready for the planning commission.

- Solid Waste Legislation Passage (Part 115)

Eggermont reported that lame duck has passed the overhaul to the State's Solid Waste Part 115 to promote recycling and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. He mentioned there is a lot of good things in the bill that include various standards, benchmarks and data collection as well as improving infrastructures for recyclables. He also mentioned that this is primarily a materials management plan in the Solid Waste Plans.

- Membership Update

Eggermont reported the Board of Commissioners passed resolution for appointment of committee members. Bryan Weinert will be joining the Board of Public Works.

Eggermont also mentioned they conducted the Agricultural tire collection event earlier this month, collecting three semi-trailers. He mentioned it was a very successful event.

7. Action Items

A) Memorandum of Claims Vouchers #8389-8391

Motion by Pratt, supported by Root to approve Vouchers #8389-8391.

Motion Carried.

8. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

Eggermont mentioned increase in Staff budget is due to Medical Premiums increases. He also mentioned that the budgets for the lake projects, management and applicator costs will increase and will likely cut into the contingency budgeted amounts.

Smith asked about last line of the budget for Solid Waste cost allocation line, spacing is off. She also asked about the anticipated assessment amounts are less on the North Lake and Joslin Lake Projects. Katz explained what the difference between the anticipated that is created at the beginning of the project and then once the PA185 process is completed and the rolls are approved those amounts usually change to what we are actually assessing. Koloski also mentioned with homeowners' associations and how those are actually assessed based on taxable properties.

9. Other Business

- Approved 2023 Board of Public Works Meeting Calendar
Receive and File

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.



Evan Pratt, Secretary