

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 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, Bryan Weinert, Andrew Schmidt

Members Absent: Molly Maciejewski, Gary McCririe

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Sean Adams, Operations Manager, Recycle Ann Arbor

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator
Nichole Worth, Water Resources, Customer Service Specialist

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- September 20, 2023

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2023 as amended number item 5 C. WWRMA UPDATE. Adding why and to. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Comments

5. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported the lakes are beginning to go into hibernation, and depending on weather conditions, we may see some algae blooms through the fall season. Final invoices are coming in for the seasons treatments and lake scans that will result in the year end reports coming soon.

Koloski also reported the Hamburg Township passed the Fertilizer ordinance last night and she forwarded the ordinance to the Board of Public Works members.

Pratt updated the board members that EGLE has scheduled a public hearing Wednesday, November 8, 2023, for remedial excavation and future monitoring activities related to the historic Silver Lake Store/Gasoline station.

B) PIAC Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 7/24/2023
Received and File

T. Eggermont reported the committee toured WWRA facility. He mentioned that the facility was very clean, and the bales were for need with not a lot of contamination. He also reported the committee will talk at the next meeting and discuss the previous Solid Waste Plan and the transition for the upcoming Materials Management Plan.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 8/21/2023

Received and File

T. Eggermont mentioned they are continuing to work on the RFP and timeline expectations. The members may stagger the starting dates for the RFP to go into effect. He mentioned the proposal will have several options and requirements. Compost will also be included year-round in the proposal.

B. Weinert asked if the authority will be staffed and funded because of the RFP going into effect. T. Eggermont reported they are working through the transition process.

D) Directors Report

a. HHW Center

T. Eggermont reported the ribbon cutting for the facility at the landfill was October 3rd and they are not open. The current schedule is Tuesday-Thursday and are appointment based and will be open year-round and currently taking about 20 appointments per day.

T. Eggermont mentioned the HTC for Saturday collections at Zeeb Rd facility has been very busy. There is only 3 days left for 2023. They are looking to go to appointment based for future Saturday collections.

b. Materials Management Planning

T. Eggermont reported they are still awaiting the notification from EGLE for the MMP. They will also send notice to the Board of Commissioners'. He is prepping for the applications for the MMP Committee as preliminary steps to the process. There is potential to work with other counties to create a regional plan with other counties, mentioning this could create more challenges in completion of a regional plan.

c. Municipal Contracting Assistance for Townships

T. Eggermont reported moving away from subscription-based contracts. Dexter and Lyndon Townships are looking to do a survey to determine the benefits and model to help move away from those contracts and are working together to create a model that will also fit into the MMP.

K. Root asked for about the funds to provide assistance for contracting sponsorship. T. Eggermont mentioned we currently have grant funds currently available for technical support for this initiative.

d. School Program

T. Eggermont reported they are currently working on kick off meetings with the program. There have been some transition issues with the hauler they are working through.

e. Arbor Hills Landfill

T. Eggermont mentioned there was a notice of violation from EGLE for methane leak at the landfill, occurring on October 5-6th. GFL was aware of the problem, reporting it was a sensor malfunction, they are working on responding to correcting. Discussion of gas collection requirements.

7. **Action Items**

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (September 2023) Attachment A

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to file and receive Claims for September as presented. Motion Carried

B) Voucher Claims-WWRA Operating

Motion by E. Pratt, supported by L. Smith to approve the WWRA Operating voucher as presented. Motion Carried

C) Debt Retirement Vouchers

Motion by E. Pratt, supported by K. Root to approve the Debt Retirement Vouchers as presented. Motion Carried

8. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

9. Other Business

Eggermont reminded the board members the Washtenaw County Annual Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held October 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Weber's Inn Ann Arbor. Awards will be presented for the E2P2 partnership programs, Clean Streams, Waste Knot, and Pollution Prevention programs within Washtenaw County.

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Comments.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



Evan Pratt, Secretary