

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 16, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Gary McCririe, Bryan Weinert, Evan Pratt, Andrew Schmidt

Members Absent: Ketankumar Dave

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Chris Mikesell

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 the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by E. Pratt, supported by K. Root to add action item C: WWRA Funding Request to the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- September 18, 2024

Motion by G. McCririe, supported by L. Smith to approve the meeting minutes of September 18, 2024.
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

L. Koloski reported that quotes and proposals have been prepared for Whitmore Lake and Pleasant Lake.
T. Eggermont added that contracts are anticipated to come before the Board of Public Works in January 2025.

T. Eggermont reported a treatment was completed on Pleasant Lake for Phragmites without County approval. He described how he was handling the issue with the contractor and the property owners.

B) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 8/19/24

T. Eggermont reported that they are working on a contract for collective contracting for trash, recycling, and yard waste for multiple municipalities. He added that the municipalities are only bound to the contract

if a better rate can be produced by WRRMA. He mentioned that four or five municipalities are currently interested in collaborating.

C) Materials Management Planning (MMP) Updates

T. Eggermont reported that there is a resolution in the packet to approve the first meeting scheduled for the Material Management Planning committee. He mentioned at the meeting elections, a work plan, and bylaws for MMP will be discussed.

D) School Recycling Program Update

T. Eggermont reported the school recycling program is structured to support operations as well as education within the schools. He detailed how the new structure of the program removes the County from the operations, but reimburses for recycling collection if terms are met. The terms include educational requirements. As a result of the new program, education participation has doubled. The Board discussed ways to improve engagement for high school students in the recycling program.

E) Directors Report

T. Eggermont reported the Household Hazardous Waste Center has completed its first full year of operation. He added there will be metrics to come showing those numbers for the year. He also mentioned that a clean sweep grant was awarded to Washtenaw County Public Works.

T. Eggermont mentioned an extended producer responsibility bill has been introduced to the MI House to charge companies for the packaging they use. The bill would fund recycling collection and processing.

6. Action Items

A) Resolution Setting the First Materials Management Planning Meeting

Motion by L. Smith, supported by E. Pratt to approve resolution setting the first Materials Management Planning meeting. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

B) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (September-October /2024) Attachment A

Motion by E. Pratt, supported by L. Smith to file and receive claims for September/October 2024 as presented. Motion Carried.

C) Claims \$50,000.00 and Over (October/2024) Attachment B

Motion by K. Root, supported by G. McCririe to file and receive claims for October 2024 as presented. Motion Carried.

7. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

8. Other Business

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

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



Andrew Schmidt, Chair