

**Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**12/11/24, 10:00 AM**

**Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office  
705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

**Members Present:** Seegert, Cornell, Mazanec, Bukowski, Kerkez, Ohren, Frush, Reeve, Nicholson, Mason (ex-officio), Drinan (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:** Ukena, Maciejewski

**Washtenaw County Staff Present:** Eggermont, Wright

**Resource Recycling Staff Present:** Naud, Heflin, Oulton (Virtual)

**Call to order:** Ohren called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Roll Call**

- a. David Seegert - Present
- b. Jennifer Cornell - Present
- c. Paul Mazanec - Present
- d. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) - Present
- e. Bryan Ukena – Absent
- f. Lindsey Kerkez - Present
- g. Joseph Ohren (Chair) - Present
- h. Scott Frush - Present
- i. Jason Maciejewski – Absent
- j. Bruce Reeve - Present
- k. James Nicholson – Present
- l. Sarah Mason (ex-officio) – Present
- m. David Drinan (ex-officio) – Present

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Seegert, seconded by Frush. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Introductions**

New member: James Nicholson, from WeCare Denali

**Oath of Office**

James Nicholson took the Oath of Office

**Approval of 11/14/2024 Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the 11/14/2024 Meeting Minutes moved by Mazanec, seconded by Cornell.

Cornell noted that she was at the meeting but arrived late, so requested an amendment to the roll call reflecting her being present.

Motion to approve the 11/14/2024 Meeting Minutes with the amendment moved by Bukowski, seconded by Nicholson. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **Updates to Part 115**

Eggermont noted there are proposed amendments to Part 115 being discussed but no final action by the legislature.

### **Work Program Review**

Eggermont stated the Committee needs to agree upon a work program that the county submits to the state. ELGE has not provided work program guidance, so EGLE may ask for amendments to the work program we submit. Eggermont reviewed the work program provided in the November and December packets. Ohren invited any questions about the work program.

Motion to approve the work program moved by Mazanec, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **Review and Approval of Bylaws**

Eggermont went over the bylaws, noting that he has talked with County legal Counsel and other DPAs.

The Committee discussed the bylaws, focusing mostly on communications and public comment.

Ohren asked if it makes sense to add language that includes “individual” members of the Committee, in addition to the language that says there are restrictions on the “Committee.” Eggermont walked through the differences between talking with one person versus talking with multiple Committee members outside of the MMPC meetings. Frush suggested putting a limit on the number of people you can talk to at any one particular time. Cornell noted that once you’ve talked to more than 3 people on City Council, which would meet quorum, you are in violation of the Opens Meetings Act. Round robins are prohibited.

Eggermont clarified that the goal isn’t to restrict sharing of information, but to stem inaccurate information. For public meetings, members are to share the relevant section of the meeting minutes or summary for inclusion in the meeting packet and then the Committee would decide any information is in violation of the bylaws. For information that can be shared ahead of time (for example written communications), that would go to the DPA for review.

Mason asked for clarification on what process to follow when she shares info during her internal meetings with the City of Ann Arbor. Eggermont noted the clause is specific to external communications.

Drinan asked about the public comment period noting he doesn’t believe two minutes is enough. The Committee discussed multiple options for public comment. Eggermont noted that public comment is available at each meeting and there are specific sessions for public

engagement, a public comment period, and the approval meetings where the public can also provide input. Frush noted that members of the public should be concise and provide comments in two minutes.

Eggermont noted that since they last spoke, both legal counsel and neighboring Planning Committees recommended not having a conflict of interest clause.

Motion to approve the Bylaws moved by Reeve, seconded by Nicholson. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **Review of 2019 Washtenaw Plan Goals**

Ohren highlighted some of the Plan Implementation Advisory Committee's (PIAC) work. He noted it is critical that the MMPC recognize that we have different views if we are going to be successful in putting together and adopting a plan.

Ohren provided that the PIAC had to figure out what capacity was available to implement the plan. The PIAC did an evaluation and identified data and the County programs required to implement the Plan. What were the highest priority efforts? What gaps existed? The Plan and the evaluation are on the County's website.

The PIAC sought to figure out common language on what can be recycled and get contractors to adopt those changes for uniformity across the County. Bukowski added that there are finite resources within the County. Ohren added that the PIAC did a SWOT analysis and identified what programs were most successful.

Eggermont highlighted that the County's existing Solid Waste Plan is a great foundation to build on. He provided a high-level summary of goals and encouraged the Committee to review more closely.

### **Review of Resilient Washtenaw**

Naud reviewed the Circular Economy section of the Resilient Washtenaw plan, noting it is "blessed text" because it has been voted on by the Board of Commissioners. Naud highlighted landfill diversion goals, focusing on improving Organics / Compost management and Circular Economy work.

Naud mentioned local food production and NextCycle Michigan, an EGLE program to grow new companies keeping materials out of landfills.

### **High level review of Washtenaw County Data**

Naud went over a proposal for how the Plan would create a diversion rate including what numbers would go in the numerator and denominator. Drinan mentioned that Part 115 requires that landfills report data, available from EGLE, and that he wants us to spend more time on landfill diversion solutions versus focusing on measuring.

### **Future Meetings Schedule and Approval**

Motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Calendar moved by Bukowski, seconded by Nicholson. All in favor. Motion carries.

Naud asked that the Committee look at the 2019 plan goals and look at Resilient Washtenaw.

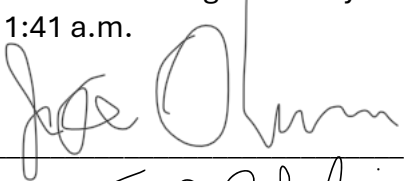
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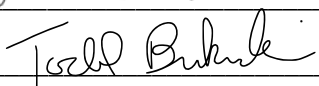
Christine Mikesell –Freedom township. Mikesell noted Section 11577 identifies the three goals of MMPs: that the plan prevent adverse effects on the environment, ensures that materials are managed to better the economy and environment, and ensures that managed materials are processed in compliance with all state statutes and rules. She hopes the Committee will be aggressive on reducing waste.

Leslie Evans– Northville Township, Board member of the Conservancy initiative. Evans noted she is concerned that we have approved a timeline that has discussion about the landfill at the very end of the MMP process – and that in that time, the landfill expansion permitting will be approved - not leaving enough time for this Committee to address the expansion.

**Meeting adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Cornell, seconded by Bukowski. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Approved by:  (Chair)

 (Vice Chair)