

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 15, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Bryan Weinert, Gretchen Driskell, Andrew Schmidt, Matt Kowalski

Members Absent: None

Liaison Present: None

Public Present: None

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

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by B. Weinert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- September 17, 2025

Motion by L. Smith, supported by G. Driskell to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2025.
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

T. Eggermont reported that there is a native plant that has appeared in Pleasant Lake, Illinois Pondweed. He added that the North Lake meeting went well. He reported there is a new applicator for Whitmore Lake. He added that the LHRCOL is having a contract update to allow more harvesting for next year.

B) WRRMA Update

T. Eggermont reported the committee members had the opportunity to tour an electronics facility in Kalamazoo. He added there was a Q&A session provided to the members regarding electronic recycling. T. Eggermont reported they are working to amend articles next year as well as continuing to focus on education and outreach.

C) Directors Report

- Tire Event

T. Eggermont reported that Manchester Township had filled their tire trailer this year. He added that he spoke with Recycle Ann Arbor about being a potential permanent location for tires in

hopes of a long-term solution. He also added that the agricultural tire event will be held at a new location this year.

- **Composting**

T. Eggermont reported receiving a grant for a composting pilot program that will be launching soon. He added the locations will be Ypsilanti, Dexter, and Salem Township. The pilot program will take place for at least one year.

- **Materials Management Update**

- **MMPA Approved Meeting Minutes for 9/10/25 & 9/18/25**

T. Eggermont reported a special meeting was held to work on the recycling draft.

G. Driskell mentioned tours of the landfill were offered to the County Commissioners and County administrative staff.

WWRA Assessment

T. Eggermont reported there was some interest from Sylvan Township to join. T. Eggermont mentioned the debt for the building will be paid off next year. He also mentioned a resolution will be forth coming for the assessment in the spring.

- **Other Miscellaneous**

T. Eggermont reported they are currently conducting interviews for a new staff member. He also mentioned that the County Cleanup Days have finished for the year. He added the electronics only event as well as the agricultural tire event are coming up soon. T. Eggermont reported they have posted the new BPW member position.

6. Action Items

A) **Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (Sept/Oct 25) Attachment A**

Motion by G. Driskell, supported by L. Smith to file and receive claims for Sept/Oct 2025 as presented. Motion Carried.

B) **Debt Retirement Vouchers 2025 October WWRA Debt Fund**

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to approve debt retirement vouchers 2025 October WWRA Debt Fund as presented. Motion Carried.

C) **Resolution to amend the contract with Huron Lakes Weed Control**

Motion by K. Root, supported by G. Driskell to approve resolution to amend the contract with Huron Lakes Weed Control. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Friendly amendment motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to amend the language from “included at \$750 per acres, in ½ acres units or larger” to “included at \$375 per half acre.”

Friendly amendment motion by B. Weinert, supported by K. Root to amend the annual compensation language from “increase to seventy-five thousand dollars” to “increase to seventy-five thousand dollars from fifty thousand dollars.”

7. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

8. Other Business

A. Schmidt added The Michigan Association of Planning is holding their annual conference soon.

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 9:42 a.m.



Gretchen Driskell, Secretary