

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 17, 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, Steve Szura

Members Absent: Matt Kowalski

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Jeremy Haley

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 8:33 a.m.

- Introductions – New Member Steve Szura

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- November 19, 2025

Motion by G. Driskell, supported by K. Root to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2025.
Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker) **

Jeremy Haley introduced himself to the Board of Public Works.

5. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

- Price Increase from Solitude

T. Eggermont reported that things are slowing down with the cold weather. He reported that the yearly Silver Lake and Huron River Chain of Lakes reports are in, and they are setting up the annual meetings. T. Eggermont also reported that there was a price increase for the liquid Triclopyr used in Joslin Lake due to the manufacturer being bought out by another company. He added the new company's version of the chemical (Ren 3) is \$600/acre. There was a question if the price will be across projects or just Joslin. Eggermont noted across all lake improvement projects, though use is expected to be limited and alternatives to liquid Triclopyr can be more costly.

B) WRRMA Update

T. Eggermont reported they will be switching their meeting date in the new year. He added they are focusing on education and obtaining input from municipalities. He also added they discussed having meetings with policy makers and WRRMA representatives to assist in aligning goals.

C) Materials Management Plan Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes 11/12/25

T. Eggermont reported they are discussing construction and demolition waste as well as collecting data. He added they are putting goals together and continuing education. He also added he had previously discussed disaster debris management with the Emergency Operations Manager for Washtenaw County.

D) County Clean up Days Program Report

T. Eggermont reviewed the annual data for the 2025 County Clean Up days. He added he is trying to bring a cleanup day back to the City of Chelsea. He mentioned the electronics event and agricultural tire event went well.

E) Directors Report

T. Eggermont reported they have received the Ecology School report. He added that the new school staff is great, and things are going well. He inquired if the Board would be supportive of providing RAA financial assistance for the drop off station if he is unable to include it in the state's MMP grant. The board noted some support and the measure would come back to the Board if needed.

6. Action Items

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (NOV/DEC 25) Attachment A

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to file and receive claims for Nov/Dec 2025 as presented. Motion Carried.

B) 2025 Audit Charges V2025-004 & Accounting Charges Voucher V2025-005

Motion by G. Driskell, supported by L. Smith to approve 2025 audit charges V2025-004 and accounting charges V2025-005 as presented. Motion Carried.

C) Proposed 2026 Board of Public Works Regular Meeting Calendar

Motion by K. Root, supported by G. Driskell to approve the 2026 Board of Public Works Regular Meeting Calendar 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.


Gretchen Driskell, Secretary