

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 21, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Gretchen Driskell, Andrew Schmidt, Matt Kowalski, Steve Szura

Members Absent: Bryan Weinert

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Jeremy Haley

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

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

2. Election of 2026 Officers

- Motion by G. Driskell, supported by K. Root to nominate A. Schmidt as Chair of the Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2026. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.
- Motion by G. Driskell, supported by A. Schmidt to nominate L. Smith as Vice-Chair of the Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2026. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.
- Motion by G. Driskell, supported by K. Root to nominate G. Driskell as Secretary of the Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2026. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by L. Smith, supported by M. Kowalski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- December 17, 2025

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2025. Motion Carried.

5. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker) **

No Comments

6. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

T. Eggermont reported Silver Lake and the Huron River Chain of Lakes meetings have been held and they reviewed the lake reports. He highlighted that Silver Lake required very little treatment and saw

native plants increasing. He also mentioned that natives have shown a slight decrease on the Huron River Chain of Lakes and where, possible, are looking to implement a strategy of less treatment and do more harvesting.

B) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 10/20/25

T. Eggermont reported they addressed the scheduling issue to assist with attendance. He added they are amending the articles of incorporation and focusing on education.

C) Material Management Plan Committee (MMPC) Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 12/10/2025

T. Eggermont reported the MMPC is focusing on goals, then will scheduling public meetings. He added the next few meetings will discuss goals and funding, then get to siting process and capacity. T. Eggermont also mentioned information recently came out from EGLE on the siting process. He's asked the state for a formal response if Washtenaw can avoid siting anerobic biodigesters, but site compost yards if they are meeting the County's capacity for organics through existing compost yards.

D) School Recycling Report

T. Eggermont provided a summary of the School recycling program. He highlighted the 36 schools in 6 districts and compared metrics to prior years. T. Eggermont shared a video from students in Dexter.

E) Directors Report

- 2025 GFL Revenue Sharing/Host Fees Graph

T. Eggermont reviewed the GFL revenue chart. He added that the building and staffing for the HHW center as well as disposal are not included in the figures.

7. Action Items

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (Dec/Jan 2025) Attachment A

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

B) Approval for Voucher #2025-006 – Chargebacks 2025

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to approve Voucher #2025-006 as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

9. Other Business

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



Gretchen Driskell, Secretary