

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
WESTERN WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE
CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Gretchen Driskell, Andrew Schmidt, Matt Kowalski, Steve Szura, Bryan Weinert

Members Absent: Lauren Smith

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Jeremy Haley

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by M. Kowalski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- January 21, 2026

Motion by G. Driskell, supported by K. Root to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2026.

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 they will be meeting with Kieser & Associates to discuss the lake treatments on the lake projects for the 2026 season. M. Kowalski asked about when the treatment for the lakes starts. T. Eggermont advised that the surveys will begin in May, based on temperatures. T. Eggermont reported that the 2025 lake reports will be posted on the website shortly after a few edits are completed. K. Root asked about snow melt with regards to lake levels. She also asked about discharges from water softeners into the lakes and if we are aware if this is happening. T. Eggermont responded that there has been not issues normally with snow melt effecting the lake levels and the improvement projects aren't involved with lake levels. Testing is done on the lakes, and they do look at the chloride levels in the lakes. The Board discussed providing residents with best practices for lawn fertilizers, and discharges to prohibit the lake water qualities.

B) Materials Management Plan Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 1/14/2026

T. Eggermont reported. T. Eggermont mentions they are working on the goals for the developing Materials Management plan. They will be looking at scheduling a meeting in April for input and feedback on the goals in the proposed plan with other collaborative institutions and municipalities.

C) Directors Report

- WWRA Operating

T. Eggermont provided update that the resolutions to renew this WWRA PA185 Project are out to the municipalities to approve the renewal for the operating and maintenance. He expects to have them back before the next meeting. There is an increase from previous project from \$31.00 to \$35.00 for the drop off recycling and the curbside for City of Chelsea will increase from \$53.00 to \$60.00.

- Programs Updates

T. Eggermont reported that the press release for the scheduled 2026 County Clean Up Days went out yesterday. The first event will be in early April, in Pittsfield Township and they have been spread out a little bit further for 2026 with the last one in Scio Township in November. He also mentioned that Augusta Township is interested in a sponsorship for a municipal cleanup. There is also interest from other municipalities to host sponsored events as well.

6. **Action Items**

- A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (Jan/Feb 2026 Attachment A
Motion by G. Driskell, supported by K. Root to file and receive claims for Jan/Feb 2026 as presented.
Motion Carried.
- B) Claims \$50,000.00 and Over (Jan/Feb 2026 Attachment A WWRA Operating Fund
Motion by M. Kowalski, supported by S. Szura to approve claims for Jan/Feb 2026 as presented.
Motion Carried.

7. **Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

8. **Other Business**

None

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

Jeremy Haley commented with regards to providing/present recycling educational materials directly to School Board members at board meetings, so they have knowledge and access to address recycling initiatives. He also commented with regards to the big box stores and products going into trash compactors. And asked if those issues could be addressed for the major chain stores that should be recycling those materials if unsold.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 a.m.


Gretchen Driskell, Secretary