

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 15, 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: Brian Weinert

Liaison Present: 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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by S. Szura to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- March 18, 2026

Motion by M. Kowalski, supported by K. Root to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 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 permits have been applied for and are in process. He added that they met with North Lake and discussed the upcoming season with focus on harvesting and a phosphorus/runoff study. He also mentioned the HRCOLA meeting will be May 9th.

B) WRRMA Update

T. Eggermont reported that they are working on providing education to the public on what is recyclable in the community and what isn't.

C) Materials Management Plan Update

- April 28th Public Engagement Session

T. Eggermont reported the public engagement session will be April 28th. He mentioned the meeting will discuss what the program goals are as well as obtain feedback from the public. He added they are looking to better calculate the recycling rate.

D) Directors Report

- First Cleanup Day and Home Toxics Saturday numbers to date

T. Eggermont reported the first County Cleanup Day was held in Pittsfield Township and he received positive feedback from staff and residents. He added the invoices from the contractors will be coming in and will include weights of materials collected. He reported the Home Toxic Saturdays are evenly spaced this year, so there is always an event to sign up for unless the event fills up.

- Spring Waste Reduction Sponsorship Awarded

T. Eggermont reported sponsorships were received and reviewed. He added that 6 out of 8 received were for municipal clean ups. He mentioned they are currently working on contracts.

T. Eggermont reported that they launched the compost pilot program in Dexter.

- WWRA assessment next steps

T. Eggermont reported the WWRA assessment is going to the Board of Commissioners and pending approval, public hearings will be scheduled at the next BPW meeting.

6. **Action Items**

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (April 2026) Attachment A

Motion by L. Smith, supported by S. Szura to file and receive claims for April 2026 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)**

J. Haley expressed concern for the bottle refund going away. He also mentioned interest in alternative methods for weed chemicals.

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


Gretchen Driskell, Secretary