

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 20, 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: Steve Szura

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 8:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- April 15, 2026

Motion by L. Smith, supported by M. Kowalski to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 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 the Huron River Chain of Lakes had a meeting on May 9th and discussed permit updates for the Lower Chain that now restrict hydrothol and copper products. The change is due to US Fish and Wildlife restrictions due to threatened and endangered species. Treatment is expected to be more costly and less effective without those products. He mentioned that Silver Lakes meeting will be held at the end of the month. He added some lake surveys are being completed at the end of May.

B) WRRMA Update – No Quorum at April meeting

T. Eggermont reported WRRMA met yesterday are continuing to work on education and outreach. He added they are working on municipal mailers and digital outreach to assist in educating the public on recycling.

C) Materials Management Plan Update

- No regular meeting in April. Public Engagement/Special meeting

T. Eggermont reported the public engagement meeting had about 40 people including the committee and staff. He added they reviewed goals and received feedback.

D) Directors Report

- WWRA Assessment

T. Eggermont reviewed the WWRA project numbers with the Board of Public Works. He mentioned the public notice will include both hearings in the single mailer that is sent to residents in the assessment district.

- Michigan Recycling Coalition conference

T. Eggermont reported staff added the Michigan Recycling Coalition conference. He added there may be future legislative discussions on battery recycling. The EPA is likely to categorize solar panels as universal waste which would make it much easier for local businesses to collect, transport, and process the material.

- Program Updates

T. Eggermont reported that multiple events were held during international compost week. He mentioned a new feature coming soon, a composting map of the County. He added they are continuing to work on food waste reduction and composting and that the new Dexter composting site is almost at full capacity. He also added that the school recycling art contest winners were selected.

6. Action Items

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (Apr/May 26) Attachment A
Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith, to file and receive claims for Apr/May 2026 as presented.
Motion Carried.

B) Resolution to Proceed with WWRA Operations Assessment and Approve Public Hearings
Motion by B. Weinert, supported by G. Driskell to approve the Resolution to Proceed with WWRA Operations Assessment and Public Hearings as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Friendly amendment from L. Smith to updated exhibit A paragraph three to read "5 or more residential dwellings" as opposed to "5 or more units".

7. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

8. Other Business

- Revisions to Proposed Board of Public Works Meeting Calendar
Motion by B. Weinert, supported by L. Smith, to approve the revisions to the Proposed Board of Public Works meeting calendar as presented and to cancel the July 2026 BPW regular meeting. Motion Carried.

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

J. Haley commented on the HRCOL dam and expressed concerns about chemicals used in the lake for invasive species.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 a.m.



Gretchen Driskell, Secretary