

GENESEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 11, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Solid Waste Management Planning Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Board of Commissioners Conference Room, 1101 Beach Street, Room 301, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

John O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS

All members introduced themselves. **Present:** John O'Brien, Heather Griffin, Kyle Burnash, Derek Bradshaw, Tim Church, Mike Csapo, Amy Freeman, Nancy Edwards, Chad Young, Darren Bagley

Absent/Excused: Debra Newman, Derek Neal, and DJ Bourdow

Others present: Shelia Taylor, Cody Roblyer, Gwynneth Coselman, Renate Soto, Sarah Scheitler, and Angela Warren

III. Approval of August 9, 2022, Minutes ***

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Darren Bagley, **Seconded by** Heather Griffin to approve the August 9, 2022 Minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment Period

None

V. Solid Waste Implementation Strategies Discussion

Ms. Coselman stated that staff sent out a survey a couple months ago asking for Committee Member's comments on the current Solid Waste Implementation Strategies. Staff took the feedback, refined it, and developed updated Implementation Strategies. Ms. Coselman reviewed the revised Implementation Strategies and stated some of the Strategies were changed and some remained unchanged. This will be an opportunity for open discussion for Committee Members to give further feedback and ask any questions they have. Ms. Coselman stated the intent is to take action at the next meeting of this Committee on December 13, 2022. Discussion ensued.

VI. Plan Timeline

Mr. Roblyer reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment (SWMPA) timeline and went over the items that would be presented and possible action taken at each of the next meetings of the SWMPC in the future. Mr. Roblyer stated each of the steps necessary to produce a final draft of the SWMPA, including a 90-day public comment period, to present the Plan to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for approval. The Plan would then be submitted to all Local Units of Government (LUGs) in the County for 67% approval and ultimately on to Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for a six-month review process for the Plan to be finalized and implemented. Discussion ensued.

VII. Recycling Participation Survey

Ms. Coselman presented the results of the Recycling Participation Study that was conducted in Spring of 2022 to identify the residential curbside recycling participation rate for each community in Genesee County. During the Survey, staff observed randomly selected homes in each community to determine if residents placed their recycling containers out for collection on the designated pickup day. Ms. Coselman stated that the study determined there was very little change in participation rates from 2019 to 2022, with the rate being 52% in 2022 and in 53% in 2019. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Coselman stated that staff has developed an informative recycle sticker, flyer, and cover letter to send out to single family residences who have curbside recycling in Genesee County. Staff chose to implement a pilot program first, so these packets will be sent out to gauge any increase in recycling participation. Subsequently, another survey will be conducted. Discussion ensued.

VIII. Other Business

a. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Bagley stated that the MSU Extension's millage passed in August.

Ms. Griffin stated that City of Flint received confirmation that they received the \$4 million grant to purchase recycling carts to be distributed to Flint residents for curbside recycling.

Mr. Bradshaw stated that staff is working on a tentative location for permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. It is currently going through environmental assessments and review. Mr. Bradshaw also stated that based on feedback from our Recycle Day events this year, the preliminary plan is to offer multiple smaller events in 2023.

Ms. Edwards stated that Keep Genesee County Beautiful has provided lawn and leaf bags and other supplies to residents for community clean-ups.

Mr. Csapo stated that he is excited that Genesee County is moving forward with plans for a permanent HHW facility.

Ms. Freeman stated that Part 115 is still stuck in Congressional regulatory, and her hope is that it passes during Lame Duck. She invited Committee members to join the Michigan Organics Council, if interested.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Genesee County Drain Commission (GCDC) met with NEFCO (New England Fertilizer Company) and received a preliminary proposal to process/dry out the sewage sludge. Based on the proposal, their costs would double, and this process does not resolve the PFAS issue, so Mr. O'Brien stated that the GCDC will still be pursuing the alternative Type 3 landfill.

IX. Adjournment

John O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.