

GENESEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
December 13, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Solid Waste Management Planning Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 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 and Darren Bagley

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

Others present: Cody Roblyer, Gwynneth Coselman, Renate Soto, Angela Warren, John Gall, Dave List, Matt Allen, Dan Venet and Mark Cherry

III. Approval of October 11, 2022, Minutes ***

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Darren Bagley, **Seconded by** Mike Csapo to approve the October 11, 2022 Minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment Period

None

V. Approval of Implementation Strategies ***

Ms. Coselman stated that at the last meeting of this Committee the updated Implementation Strategies were presented and after all additional comments were received, staff developed a final list of the Solid Waste Implementation Strategies to be included in the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Ms. Coselman reviewed the Implementation Strategies via a slide presentation. The Strategies fall into these categories: 1) Plan Implementation; 2) Monitoring, Data Collection, and Reporting; 3) Education and Awareness; 4) Waste Reduction Techniques; and 5) Assets and Resources. Discussion ensued regarding changes to Part 115 recently being passed through the Michigan Senate; but not yet been signed by the governor. Mike Csapo stated that a motion should be proposed to allow staff the flexibility to make minor changes to the plan, if needed, and that those changes would not have to go through this committee for approval.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chad Young, **Seconded by** Darren Bagley to approve the Implementation Strategies with the condition that staff is allowed to have administrative abilities to make minor changes to the plan to comply with potential changes to Part 115.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Solid Waste Facility Descriptions ***

Mr. Roblyer reviewed the Solid Waste Facility Descriptions, going over Type II and Type III Landfills, Type A and Type B Transfer Facilities as well as Other Facilities. Facility representatives were allowed to provide updates regarding their respective facility.

Tim Church, representative of Brent Run along with David List, spoke regarding increasing the acreage and area sited for use at Brent Run due to the purchase of additional property.

Mr. Church stated that since D.J. Bourdow could not attend this meeting today, he would speak on his behalf regarding GFL Environmental being added to the plan as a Type A Transfer Facility. He stated that this GFL location, while currently a recycling material management facility, foresees the possibility of converting to and/or adding a future Type A Transfer Facility, even though there are no current plans at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding adding language to the plan to cover when local municipalities conduct projects that fall under Type B Transfer Facility activities (often these are temporary), that those municipalities would be required to remain consistent with the Plan.

Kyle Burnash stated that Happy Can may intend to become a Type A Transfer Facility in the future and inquired as to whether Happy Can should be added to the plan as a Type A Transfer Facility rather than a Type B Transfer Facility. Committee members stated that this change should be added to the Facility Descriptions motion.

Mark Cherry stated that Country Oaks Landscape handles municipal yard waste, food waste, wood waste, which may be made into mulch, and cardboard.

Mike Csapo expressed concerns in adding the Type III landfill, Genesee County Drain Commission to the SWMP, given that the host community is opposed to it.

Committee members decided that it would be beneficial to make the motions for each facility type individually instead of one motion for all the facility types.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Amy Freeman, **Seconded by** Darren Bagley to approve the Type II Landfill Solid Waste Facility Descriptions. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Darren Bagley, **Seconded by** Nancy Edwards to approve the Type III Landfill Solid Waste Facility Description with conditions as described below. **Motion passed.** Tim Church abstained.

This facility will be consistent with the plan only in the event that changes in state or federal law that render current alternatives of disposing of biosolids and wastewater sludge that contain PFAS, are no longer viable.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mike Csapo, **Seconded by** Darren Bagley to approve the Type A Transfer Facility Descriptions with the addition of Happy Can Disposal. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Darren Bagley, **Seconded by** Amy Freeman to approve the Type B Transfer Facility Description. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mike Csapo, **Seconded by** Nancy Edwards to allow any governmental entities, while performing project-related duties, creating a temporary Type B transfer facility would be automatically consistent with the SWMP. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Darren Bagley, **Seconded by** Nancy Edwards to approve the Other Solid Waste Facility Descriptions. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Public Comment

Matt Allen from Priority Waste stated that they are the waste hauler for the City of Flint, and they are hoping to develop, in partnership with City Administration, a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) within the city limits. Accordingly, they would like to be involved in the process of amending the

Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan. This MRF is envisioned to be an enhanced recycling facility with the opportunity to grow and is currently in the planning and engineering stages.

VIII. Solid Waste Plan Overview and Next Steps

Ms. Coselman reviewed the Plan Overview and outlined the contents of the SWMP. She also spoke about the Plan Timeline as well as next steps to be taken in future meetings by this Committee.

Discussion continued regarding the MRF proposed by Priority Waste. Chairman O'Brien and Mr. Bradshaw stated that something would have to be presented to the staff and Committee no later than January 2023, for this item to be included in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Csapo stated that under current law, MRF's do not have to be added to SWMP's to be developed and operate.

IX. Other Business

a. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Csapo stated that most municipalities are unprepared to deal with major storm damage to infrastructure. A plan is being discussed in Oakland County and he is hoping that other communities will be able to follow this plan for guidance on disaster preparedness in their respective communities.

Mr. Bagley stated that the Genesee County Youth Commission is currently taking applications until December 20, 2022. This is a program where high school aged students are selected from each Genesee County Commissioner's district to teach them about county government.

Ms. Griffin would like to acknowledge the passing of Commissioner Nolden.

X. Adjournment

John O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.