

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM

Minutes of Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Land Administration Service Building
219 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079
www.SWMSWC.com
Minutes prepared by: AJ Brucks

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Robert Ziliak at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call of Counties: Members & Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Present: *Allegan* –Max Thiele and Rosemary Graham; *Berrien* –Jill Adams; *Branch* - Don Vrablic; *Calhoun* – Steve Frisbie and Sarah Kelly; *Cass* –Robert Ziliak; *Van Buren* – Richard Godfrey and AJ Brucks.

Others Present: Phil Hover, Van Buren ISD; Chris Phillips, Best Way; Mrs. Ziliak

Organization of the Board: Motion made by Frisbie to nominate the existing slate of officers: Schincariol, Chair; Ziliak, Vice Chair/Secretary; and Clark, Treasurer for 2018 and to close nominations, 2nd by Vrablic. All Board was in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Thiele, supported by Godfrey to approve the January Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Godfrey to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Recognition of the audience, no comments.

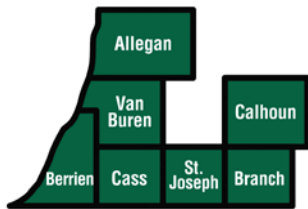
Financial Report:

- Balance of \$3,779.86. Brucks presented PNC Bank Statement. Frisbie asked if any annual fees labeled on bank statement for upcoming 2018 will apply to SWMSWC account, Brucks will check into it.
- PNC Bank Account: Godfrey was able to go to PNC to update account and show ID. Current signers of account are Ziliak, Schincariol, Godfrey, with the backup of Brucks in emergencies and with approval.
- Membership Invoices: Brucks prepared letters and Invoices for County Membership dues. Letters went home with County representatives. Brucks will mail St. Joseph Counties.
- Proposed FY 2018 Budget: Motion made by Thiele, 2nd by Vrablic to approve the 2018 Budget as prepared by the TAC as presented. Motion carried.
- Brucks requested if old financials could be recycled. Board requested the past six (6) years needs to be retained and further back than that could be shredded.

Payment of Bills: Motion made by Thiele, 2^{nc} by Vrablic to approve the support of \$300 for Allegan's TAC Rosemary Graham to help attend the 2018 MRC conference in Kalamazoo this May. Motion carried. Check was written and give to Graham.

Old Business:

- Policy & Legislative Discussion/Local SWMSWC Educational Workshop – March 21, 6:30pm at KVCC
Board and TAC had long discussion if workshop is right timing. Current draft is being worked on after first period of comments were accepted. Not all comments were forwarded from MRC, few counties made comments to MRC as well to MDEQ, it was suggested comments go to both entities. TAC will keep Board updated when they hear if new draft is open for comments and what was changed, if any was taken into consideration. Draft bill has not been championed by any legislator as of now. Board decided to allow TAC to move on with workshop.
 - See postcard – input, comments, changes? Board would like a one-page summary of the stance and concern SWMSWC has to be sent to local municipalities explaining a little more what the workshop will be about and what impacts are implied that will effect counties Solid Waste Plans. TAC will work on that and send to board for approval.



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- Approval for postcard mailings, supplies, coffee/snacks, mileage for presenters – Motion made by Frisbie, 2nd by Vrablic to approve the bills up to \$1000 for the support of the March 21 event at KVCC. Motion carried. Brucks will cover expenses for the workshop and submit an invoice and receipts to the Board at the next meeting.

New Business:

- MRC Conference, May 15-17 in Kalamazoo
 - Sponsorship or silent auction items to donate? Board suggested we talk with Schnicariol to see if he would be able to donate or provide at cost a basket or couple bottles of local wine for silent auction. Motion made by Godfrey, 2nd by Vrablic to approve up to \$200 for support of silent auction items to support the MRC. Request of Roll Call; Yay: Frisbie, Vrablic, Godfrey, Ziliak. Nay: Thiele. Motion carried.
 - Allegan requested and was granted \$300 support for conference. It is budgeted to help any Commissioners attend a day/or full conference if desired. Commissioners should get back to the board by March workshop meeting if they desire to have the SWMSWC help fund their attendance so a check can be signed then.
- Changes to May/November meeting dates – Motion made by Godfrey, 2nd by Thiele to cancel the May meeting due to MRC Conference and to change the November date to Nov. 7 due to the holiday. Motion carried.
- Website, Facebook and logo update – Contacts on the website for commissioners will be changed to only email. Graham has been working to update website and Adams has been working on Facebook updated. Both will be ready for TAC to use for advertisement, communication and outreach.

Reports/Project Updates:

- Scrap Tire Grant 2018 Update- Motion made by Thiele, 2nd by Vrablic to allow Schincariol or Godfrey to sign and accept on behalf of the SWMSWC the 2018 Scrap Tire grant if awarded before next business meeting. Motion carried.

County Updates:

- Allegan Co. – Graham is working on scheduling tire events and working on advertisements to describe any changes from year's past. Graham has also learned how to update the website.
- Berrien Co. – Adams presented the year-end report, is working on the Berrien Recycling Guide and is happy to announce that the recycling efforts at Silver Beach was up this year by 12%.
- Branch Co. – Is hoping for an August 18 Tire Collection event if the grant is awarded. Brucks will add this date to her DeerPath email and cc: Don on the email to keep everyone in the loop.
- Calhoun Co. – Kelly reported she had a successful 1st event of the year and collected XXX of Styrofoam.
- Cass Co. – Ziliak reported their HHW will be May 19 and is hoping to do an August 18 Tire Collection if the grant is awarded.
- St. Joseph Co. – N/A
- Van Buren Co. – Brucks updated the development of their website and contacts for the Van Buren County guide as well as successful numbers of electronic recycling this year at the Community Thrift Shop.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018; 6:30pm in KVCC

2018 Dates: May meeting canceled, July 19, September 19, November 7 (changed due to thanksgiving). Brucks will check for room availability.

Meeting adjourn.