

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM

Minutes of Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Land Administration Service Building
219 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079
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Minutes prepared by: Emily Hickmott

Meeting called to order by Member Max Thiele at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call of Counties: Members & Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Present: *Allegan* – Max Thiele and Rosemary Graham; *Berrien* – Ezra Scott and Jill Adams; *Branch* - Don Vrablic; *Calhoun* – Sarah Kelly; *Cass* – Clark Cobb; *Van Buren* –Richard Godfrey and Emily Hickmott.

Others Present: Katie Venechuk, MDEQ; AJ Brucks; VBCD, Raecale Stull; ACD; Chris Phillips, Waste Management.

Reorganization of the Board: Member and TAC contact information updated. Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Scott to wait to reorganize the board until more members are in attendance. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Godfrey to approve the January 16, 2019 Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Godfrey to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Venechuk shared recycling funding passed to increase recycling and manage Brownfield sites. SB943 surcharge did not pass and Part 115 changes did not pass. What did pass is from the reallocation of funds from the federal Wayfair tax fund. How the \$69 million will be used: \$45 million for Brownfield redevelopment, \$15 million for increasing recycling and county planning, and \$9 million for industry oversight. Money is currently available and increased grant opportunities are expected, including one for contamination in the recycling stream. Materials Marketplace is expanding. HB4991 will become Public Act 588. Thiele requested Venechuk send the financial summary of HB4991. Scott asked Venechuk about how a Berrien County man using wood waste to make farm fertilizer could possibly get funding. Venechuk will email Scott contact information for MEDC.

Financial Report:

- Balance of \$6,350.83. Hickmott presented November 2018 and December 2018 PNC Bank Statements.
- 2019 Budget: Hickmott indicated Operational increased \$300 to \$600, Speakers fund/mileage increased \$300 to \$600, Education and Promotion were combined into one line item, and Conference/Workshop Attendance increased \$1000 to \$1400. Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Cobb to approve the 2019 Budget as prepared by the TAC as presented. Motion carried.
- Annual Designation of Financial Institution: Bank signers will be updated when the board is rescheduled at the next meeting. Motion made by Scott, supported by Vrablic to designate PNC Bank of Paw Paw, MI as the financial institution to serve as the repository of all the Consortium's funds for 2019. Motion carried.

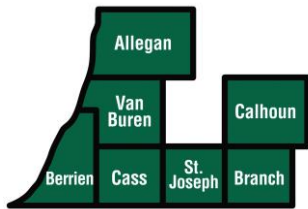
Payment of Bills: none.

Old Business:

- Consortium/Municipality Agreement for Scrap Tire Collections Discussion and Vote: Hickmott reported a lawyer reviewed the Agreement free of charge and gave suggestions. Hickmott to add Deerpath's cost structure to the Agreement. Include "tires illegally dumped after the collection" and rewritten to reference the attached cost structure. Motion made by Godfrey, supported by Cobb for the Agreement to be enacted with the changes made as discussed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 2019 Meeting Dates Discussion: Adams presented proposed dates. May 15 is during MRC Conference, so will be moved to May 22 or cancelled. TBD at March 20, 2019 meeting based on foreseen needs.



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- 2019 Tour: Adams proposed tour July 17 at DeerPath Tire Recyclers with a meeting before or after.
- 2019 Speaker: Graham presented the TAC's discussion about having a 2019 speaking event similar to the event held in 2018. Topics discussed: Solid Waste Management Planning, preparing for new grant funding. Venechuk noted MDEQ has modules that could be useful in helping choose a topic for the speaking event. The TAC will bring a topic recommendation to the Board at the March 20, 2019 meeting.
- Annual Membership Dues: Hickmott presented dues letters and will mail St. Joseph County's letter.
 - Kalamazoo County Invitation Discussion: Thiele suggested the letter reflect that Kalamazoo County was once a member. With Thiele's edits, Hickmott will seek Schincariol's signature and mail to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and the Kalamazoo Household Hazardous Waste specialist. Thiele will talk to the Kalamazoo County Administrator about the invitation.
- 2019 Scrap Tire Grant Award: Hickmott updated that the consortium was awarded \$90,000 by MDEQ for scrap tire cleanup in 2019; less than 25% of the funding is allocated to municipalities that are partnering with consortium member counties. Motion made by Scott, supported by Vrablic to approve the receipt of the 2019 grant award and for Schincariol to sign the paperwork once sent from the State of Michigan.

Reports/Project Updates:

- Scrap Tire Grant 2018 Update- Hickmott updated that the third and final reimbursement has been sent in.
- Scrap Tire Grant 2019 Update- Hickmott updated on award, see above.

County Updates:

- Allegan Co. – Graham filled tire trailer December with leftover funds. Setting 2019 dates for collections.
- Berrien Co. – Adams updated County had a year with increased participation at all collections due in large part to the DEQ recycling education grant that updated their recycling guide to mail to residents. People asked a lot of questions because of this. They are gearing up for 2019 with the same events and programs as in 2018, no expansion, no loss. Costs going up is a challenge.
- Branch Co. – Vrablic had a conversation with hauler about bill for recycling - able to reduce by half.
- Calhoun Co. – Kelly updated Calhoun's strategic plan was adopted by the solid waste committee; moving education forward and aligning with Part 115. Marshall Recycle Center - about a 30 ton increase in material collected 2017-2018. Albion - about a 10 ton increase in material collected 2017-2018. Landfill tipping fee in Michigan sunsets on September 30, 2019. Talk to your representatives about the tipping fee and making sure that we don't move to become a no tipping fee state.
- Cass Co. – Cobb updated that Bob Ziliak was not reelected as a County Commissioner, but will still be involved with the County's household hazardous waste program. The Potawatomi Tribe was awarded a DNR grant to restore creeks by slowing waters down: farmers concerned about flooding. May lead to changes with public access to some land because of land swapping as well.
- St. Joseph Co. – Adams updated that St. Joseph County will be working with Berrien for Clean Sweep.
- Van Buren Co. – Hickmott updated Van Buren's recycle guide and website. Facebook has been utilized to an increased degree in order to provide education about recycling and waste. Hickmott has been visiting all of the municipalities in the county to introduce the growing program. Two school waste audits have also been conducted with more to follow hopefully.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

2019 Dates: May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.