

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM
Minutes of Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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Minutes prepared by: AJ Brucks

Chair Paul Schincariol would be running late. Meeting called to order by Member Max Theile at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call of Counties: Members & Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Present: *Allegan* –Max Thiele; *Berrien* – Jill Adams; *Branch* - Don Vrablic; *Calhoun* – none; *Cass* – none; *St. Joseph* – Allen Balog; *Van Buren* – Paul Schincariol, Richard Godfrey, AJ Brucks.

Others Present: none.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Balog, supported by Vrablic to approve the November Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Godfrey to approve the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report:

- Balance of \$6,350.83. Motion made by Balog, supported by Godfrey to approve the October 2018 financial report. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

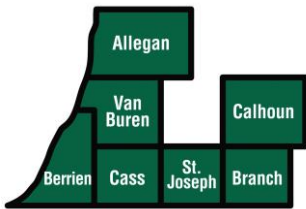
- SWMSWC/Municipality Agreement for Scrap Tire Collections – Brucks commented she is working on corrections to the agreement and has taken both Thiele’s and Kelly’s comments into consideration and has altered verbiage. Brucks will send the updated agreement to the TAC committee for additional comments and then back to the Board for review. Theile thanked Brucks for working on it.

Reports/Project Updates:

- Scrap Tire Grant 2018 Update- Brucks updated tire grant is going well, there is room for two additional trailers to finish out the year if any of the Counties were interested in the funding. The 2018 grant will close out end of December. Theile asked Brucks to touch base with Rosemary to see if she is interested as he was thinking there was a property in Allegan Co. with around 400 tires but wasn’t sure the size.
- Scrap Tire Grant 2019 – Brucks expects word after year end.
- MDEQ – Venechuk send an email to Brucks with her updated about Part 115 update, Brucks will forward the email to the Board. Venechuk also updated the 2019 DEQ recycling infrastructure grant will be released next month and will be due on March 1, 2019, it will be similar to the 2017 RFP.

County Updates:

- Allegan Co. –Theile updated Allegan is evaluating 3 transfer stations in Allegan township to see if they will remain open because of percent of households that use them and frequency they are being used annually. There is a surcharge per household in Salem Township, data is showing that there were 350 visits in 10 months which would be an estimated 4% household use, but it is hard to calculate as it is possible that it is the same households utilizing the station each week, but each visit is county not household.
- Berrien Co. – Adam updated the State awarded Berrien with a \$30,000 Clean Sweep grant again this year and Berrien is ready to partner with Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph and Branch for the 2019 collections.



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Berrien saw a 14% increase in participation at the community recycling events this year. The 2019 events are scheduled and will be posted in the Cook Nuclear Plant Calendar that goes to each County resident, along with other local community calendars.

- Branch Co. – Vrablic commented to Brucks about the electronic collection information that Kathy Worst was requesting from Branch Conservation, Brucks has sent her information. Adams commented she plans on including Branch in on the Clean Sweep numbers.
- Calhoun Co. – Kelly sent her update to the TAC committee to report. Albion and Marshall Recycling Centers have new hours due to the addition of the C&C landfill Recycling Center and the challenges in finding Saturday staff and volunteers. They are seeing 100 visits a month to the landfill center and expects an increase because of Saturday option. The extra tire trailer worked out great and Calhoun was thankful for it. Kelly is working on finishing up the Calhoun Strategic Plan and has her 2019 dates and goals completed.
- Cass Co. – none.
- St. Joseph Co. – Adams updated that her and Pat Kulikowski from St. Joe County have been working to organize the Clean Sweep collection dates.
- Van Buren Co. – Godfrey updated he has talked with Don Bates with Best Way Management who has been keeping up with what is going on with the proposed tipping fees in the proposal legislative changes in Lansing.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2019; 7PM

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

Motion made by Theil, supported by Vrablic to adjourn the SWMSWC business meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourn 8:10pm