

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM

Minutes of Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Bell's Brewing Facility
8938 Krum Ave. Galesburg, MI
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Minutes prepared by: AJ Brucks

Meeting called to order by Chair Paul Schincariol at 3:15 PM.

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

Others Present: Kathy Cobb, Katie Venechuk w MDEQ, Chris Phillips w Bestway Disposal

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report:

- Balance of \$6,350.83.
 - All members are paid for membership dues

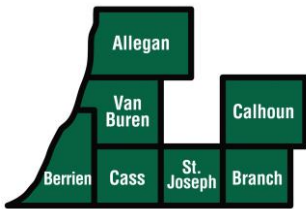
Payment of Bills: none.

Old Business:

New Business:

Reports/Project Updates:

- Scrap Tire Grant 2018 Update- Brucks updated tire grant is going well for this year and will close out end of December.
- Scrap Tire Grant 2019 – Brucks updated they have received all estimated dates, locations, number of collections and number of trailers from county partners. Discussion was had with concern and issues with allowing regional municipalities in the grant to host collection at their township, village or city. Concern from the Board was expressed for the liability for the Consortium. Brucks has talked with MDEQ who is encouraging more of regional collaboration and advertisement for the scrap tire grants and recycling programming. Brucks reported Hickmott has drafted an Agreement paper that can be used so the municipalities understand their liability and responsibility for the collections. Brucks will send out the agreement for discussion and counties can have their lawyers assess it as they see fit. Motion made by Thiele, supported by Balog to approve the 2019 Scrap Tire Grant to the MDEQ with the understanding there will be a Board approved contract agreement with partnering counties and municipalities. Motion carried.
- MDEQ – Venechuk updated on New Legislation, Draft #7 of Part 115 has received comment and response, Draft #8 should be out soon. Not many changes in Planning and some changes to financials end of it. The County Planning component does have money tire to it. The main changes were to the composting and landfill sections. The drafts are created/changed quickly and Draft#9 should be out soon after election, introduced to Attorney General to check and accept with legal. Venechuk also reported that SWRA webpage has updates. Tipping fee changes were discussed, Venechuk will share with the listserv what the intern reached with other States. Currently MI is at \$0.36 and it is proposed at \$4.25. surrounding Great Lake States are even higher. Comment from Scott that Berrien has a maximum 3 landfill/waste stations in the Solid Waste Management Plan and there is discussion of a new transfer station coming into the county, but the Plan would have to change first. Venechuk also updated the 2019 MDEQ grants will be



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out this fall, it has doubled in funding to \$1 million for regional and local infrastructure to help with recycling etc. information can be found on the MDEQ website and will be sent out in emails.

County Updates:

- Allegan Co. – Graham reported 3,200 scrap tires were collected during this year's collections. Oct. 20 will be their HHW and electronic collection.
- Berrien Co. – Field reported 26,000lbs of pesticides were collected through the Berrien contract with the MDARD. Oct 13 will be the last HHW, e-waste and shred day for the year.
- Branch Co. – Nothing to report.
- Calhoun Co. – Kelly couldn't make the meeting, she had illness in her family.
- Cass Co. – Scrap tire event off without a problem.
- St. Joseph Co. – Nothing to report.
- Van Buren Co. – Brucks reported the Van Buren Recycling Guides have been updated, reformatted and published, she will wait until Hickmott is able to showcase them at the next meeting. Schincariol reported that Kalamazoo County is working on a pilot project on W Ave. using pulverized tires in the pavement.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2018; 7PM (changed due to Thanksgiving)

2019 Dates: January 16, March 20, May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20

Meeting adjourn 4:16pm