



Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium

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Serving Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties

Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by Max Thiele, Acting Chair, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jacob Frank, Calhoun County Intern; Katie Venechuk, MDEQ; Phil Hover, Van Buren ISD; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Jim Coury, Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee Member; and Jen Bomba, Pat Dadow, Shana Huerta, Chelsea Robinson, and Brent Thelen, Calhoun County Community Development Department Representatives.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Scott to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Financial Report: Balance of \$3,385.81. Motion made by Vrablic, supported by Godfrey to approve the report. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: none.

Old Business: none.

Presentation: Sarah Kelly gave and Power Point presentation overview of the Calhoun County recycling program. The group toured the Marshall Recycling Center located at the Calhoun County Road Department.

Reports/Project Updates: Scrap Tire Grant 2017 update was given reflecting information listed in the agenda.

County Updates: Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, and Van Buren County's gave short updates on County activities.

Other: Katie Venechuk, Recycling and Waste Minimization Specialist, Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division, Department of Environmental Quality Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Districts gave an overview of projects and program efforts from around the region.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.