

## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM

Minutes of Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Land Administration Service Building  
219 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079  
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Meeting called to order by Chair Paul Schincariol at 7:05 PM.

**Roll Call of Counties:** Members & Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Present: *Allegan* –Rosemary Graham; *Berrien* – Ezra Scott, Jill Adams and Jaysen Field; *Branch* - Don Vrablic; *Calhoun* –Sarah Kelly; *Cass* –Clark Cobb; *Van Buren* – Paul Schincariol, Richard Godfrey and AJ Brucks.

Jason Fields and Rosemary Graham will be added to the mailing list and updated on the SWMSWC partner contacts.

**Others Present:** Phil Hover, Van Buren ISD; Chris Phillips, Best Way; Cathy Cobb and Natalie

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Scott, supported by Godfrey to approve the September 20, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Recognition of the audience, no comments.

**Financial Report:** Balance of \$3,885.81. Brucks presented Bank Statement.

**Payment of Bills:** \$105.95 check was written to Jill Adams to reimburse for the Visa card to be used for the snacks and meeting supplies. Check was given to Adams. It was clarified that the \$5.95 was a surcharge to open the card.

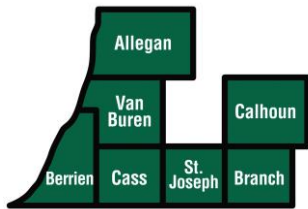
**PNC Bank Account:** Motion by Scott, supported by Vrablic to add Dick Godfrey, Van Buren County Commissioner, to the PNC Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium bank account in the place of Clark Cobb. This will allow quicker access to get checks signed and banking business complete. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Recycle, MI Partnership Update- Brucks updated everything has been turned in. The TAC will be adding Recycle, MI to the website, Facebook page and will send out information to partners as to the website/Facebook address and how to communicate the message in steps. The TAC will also be meeting this winter to discuss partnership and educational campaign that will tie our counties together and help promote Recycle, MI.
- Membership Dues Letters- Brucks will have membership letters at the January 17 meeting for Commissioners to take back to individual Co. Admin/Commission Board.

### New Business:

- SWMSWC FY18 Projects/Partnerships- Scrap Tire Grant Application, Recycle, MI, Clean Sweep Program partnership, Region-wide Info mailers/PR/Facebook etc. campaign
- Policy and Legislative Ideas – Kelly discussed proposed changes and papers, passed out current information and draft of changes. The timeline for updated/final draft of legislation will out early 2018. It is proposed that County Master Plans for Solid Waste will be similar to the Co. Master Plans; terms for the committee will be 5 years, 2 and 3 year terms to start and committee will decide if there are needs for the update, what needs to be updated and to what or if there is no update to the Solid Waste Master Plan for each county of partnering counties. Kelly highlighted many areas of interest and suggested the board take a look and have comments/suggestions for next meeting. The Board/TAC has interest in hosting a public workshop in Lawrence to invite MDEQ to come and discuss changes to county representatives, township/village/city boards and other constitutes that would be involved. TAC will work on an outline for



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such event. Vrablic commented on the paragraph at the bottom of page 69 and asked why would we do it? Kelly also made note of page 79 for material grants.

- Kelly passed out information regarding the Curbside Cart Grant that is available from the MDEQ. Discussion was had about the carts for New Buffalo and Lakeshore and how their programs worked.

#### Reports/Project Updates:

- Scrap Tire Grant 2018 Update- All grant information was turned in. Brucks will keep Board/TAC and partners updated as any contact has been made.
- Governor's Recycling Council and Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory Panel Reports Update
  - Governor's Recycling Council Report: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-GRC\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_555408\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-GRC_Report_FINAL_555408_7.pdf)
  - Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory panel Report: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-SWSAP\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_555407\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-SWSAP_Report_FINAL_555407_7.pdf)

#### County Updates:

- Allegan Co. – Graham is learning quickly about new position duties and her new role.
- Berrien Co. – Adams updated the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of recycling at Silver Beach Co. Park diverted approx. 272 cubic yards of material from the landfill, which is up from 184 cubic yd. in 2016. 2,019 participants brought in 96,300 lbs. of household chemicals and 69,800 lbs. of electronics. Clean Sweep total 16,400 lbs. of pesticides and Berrien was awarded \$30,000 for the 2018 Clean Sweep Grant. Recycling Edu. Grant project is underway and they are gathering info for the new and updated Berrien County Recycling Guide.
- Branch Co. – Vrablic updated that he has been in contact with Balog from St. Joseph Co. and is still wants to participate in SWMSWC but has other commitments that conflicts with meeting dates. Vrablic is excited about participating in the Scrap Tire Grant this year and is looking to increase the numbers of tires and participation.
- Calhoun Co. – Kelly plans to participate in the “Fall into Recycling” event on Dec. 5 along with Adams and Fields. Kelly updated the challenges with glass recycling and the lack of interest and demand. Kelly handed out the tons that were reported out of Calhoun Co. and encouraged to help and report to the MDEQ reporting system as many of the businesses that are required to report are not, therefore it is difficult to see how changes/improvements are happening in MI.
- Cass Co. – Cobb requested we sent information about about the website after it is updated.
- St. Joseph Co. – N/A
- Van Buren Co. – Schincariol asked for a short example from everyone about the mission of the SWMSWC. The TAC will upload the Interlocal Agreement to the website and it can be viewed by Commissioners but it was discussed it was a great idea to continue conversation to strengthen partnerships, outreach and effort as a region.

**Next Meeting:** January 17, 2018; 7:00pm in Paw Paw

**2018 Dates:** March 21, May 16 (during MRC Conference in Kalamazoo), July TBA, September 19, November 21 (Day before Thanksgiving). May and November will be discussed at January Meeting.

**Notes:** Brucks will start draft of Annual Report and ask the TAC to add to it.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Cobb, supported by Scott to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourn.