

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 8:30 a.m.**  
**WESTERN WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER**  
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Room 2010

**Members Present:** Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Evan Pratt, Gary McCririe, Bryan Weinert, Andrew Schmidt, Molly Maciejewski

**Members Absent:** None

**Liaison Present:** Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

**Public Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director  
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor  
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Reports/Program Update**

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski mentioned the 2022 Lake Reports are in and currently being reviewed to be put out on the web site. She also mentioned there are contract Resolutions that are in the action items for the board consideration for lake management for 2023. Eggermont reported highlights on the Phoslock treatment study that was done on North Lake this last year. Eggermont also mentioned Harvester bids were reviewed and rejected. He also mentioned the challenges of this type of service on the Lower Chain of Lakes and they are looking for other opportunities to provide this service. Koloski mentioned the pricing did increase primarily for the Lake management costs.

**3. Oath/Election of 2023 Officers**

Oath for Board of Public Works Member Appointments-Robert Mulcahy, WC Deputy Clerk Andrew Schmidt & Bryan Weinert

Introductions of Current Board Members and staff.

Members and staff present introduced themselves to new Board Member Bryan Weinert. Weinert then introduced himself, providing background within the recycling services.

Election of 2023 Board of Public Works Officers:

**Chair:**

Motion by Pratt , supported by Root to approve appointment of Schmidt as 2023 Chair for the Board of Public Works. Motion Carried.

**Vice-Chair:**

Motion by Pratt , supported by Root to approve appointment of Smith as 2023 Vice Chair for the Board of Public Works. Motion Carried.

**Secretary:**

Motion by Pratt , supported by Root to approve appointment of Pratt as 2023 Secretary for the Board of Public Works. Motion Carried.

**Appointment of Board of Public Works Liaison for the 2023 calendar year to the PIAC**

Motion by McCririe, supported by Maciejewski to approve appointment of Smith as the Board of Public Works Liaison for the PIAC Committee. Motion Carried

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Root to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Meeting- 12/14/2022*

Motion by McCririe, supported by Smith to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2022. Motion Carried.

#### **6. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

#### **7. A) PIAC Update**

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 9/26/22

Received and File

Eggermont mentioned that Part 115 passed in the State legislation. The revised part 115 will require to do new Solid Waste Plan, now referred as a Materials management Plan for counties in Michigan. He mentioned that the PIAC committee will be transitioning to review the current plan and set forth revised plan for submission to the State.

#### **B) WRRMA Update**

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 11/21/22

Received and File.

Eggermont reported they are continuing to progress with work with regards to single hauler efforts within the local municipalities. He also mentioned that their next meeting they will have a speaker from RRAA to talk with them and will be able to bring variety of materials to determine recyclable or not recyclable material.

#### **C) Drop off Station Discussion**

Schmidt mentioned the goals of this discussion with regards to providing support to the new Drop off Station that the current site is declining. Eggermont provided his thoughts on a few options of support, planning or construction processes. Schmidt mentioned support for current operational support is needed due to the increase in the operational rates for the facility without increase in the gate fees to continue providing services for residents to recycle materials. Weinert also mentioned there is decline in use of the facility and the equipment has been challenging for the facility to operate effectively. He also mentioned the recyclable commodity prices are down significantly as well. Maciejewski also mentioned the City of Ann Arbor is working with RRAA for continued support as well. Schmidt mentioned he would like to see an operating budget for the proposed new drop off station. There was discussion with regards to the total costs projected for the facility once the design phase is completed, it was determined to expect increase in those costs to construct. Maciejewski mentioned the design phase does have Grant funds and City of Ann Arbor funds that are being used for the planning process for the facility. The project is still currently in the conception stage, currently working with Pittsfield Township on site plans and will go to planning commission in next few months. Eggermont will verify the amount of the Solid Waste County funds that can be contributed to this effort for the drop off station. Pratt mentioned creating a maximum ceiling of what contribution can be made with a sliding scale of what can be disbursed once the construction plans are completed. He also provided some other options as well.

#### **D) Directors Report**

Eggermont reported he is currently working on the Chain of Lakes balance of the funds and how those can be distributed with the new decreased project for the Lower Chain of Lakes. He is working with Hamburg Township and legal council on how this can be done.

Eggermont also mentioned the Zeeb Road HHW facility is currently closed as the contract for materials is being completed. It still needs to go to the Board of Commissioners' for 7 day review. He is projecting to get back up in running in February. Koloski mentioned they have been providing residents with other options for the materials. He also mentioned that the Arbor Hills HHW facility should be up and operational in June of 2023.

**7. Action Items**

- A) Resolution to approve PIAC Membership  
Motion by Root, supported by Pratt to approve Resolution to approve PIAC Membership. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.
- B) Resolution to replace Multiplier for Reimbursement Costs  
Motion by McCririe, supported by Pratt to approve Resolution to replace Multiplier for Reimbursement Costs. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.
- C) Resolution Approving Contracts for the North Lake Improvement Project  
Motion by McCririe, supported by Smith to approve Resolution Approving Contracts for the North Lake Improvement Project. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.
- D) Resolution Approving Contracts for the Joslin Lake Improvement Project  
Motion by Root, supported by Maciejewski to approve Resolution Approving Contracts for the Joslin Lake Improvement Project. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.
- E) Resolution Approving Contracts for the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project  
Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Root to approve Resolution Approving Contracts for the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.
- F) Resolution Approving the Contract Amendment for Lake Management Project Consultant  
Motion by Smith, supported by Pratt to approve Resolution Approving the Contract Amendment for Lake Management Project Consultant. Roll call vote. Motion Carried.

**8. Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

**9. Other Business**

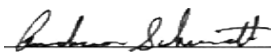
Reviewed and updates submitted for 2023 Board Membership Contact Information

**10. Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.**



Andrew Schmidt , Chair