

# Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

1/24/2022; 1:00 PM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center  
4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Members Present:** DiPietro, Best, Auth, Hoffmeister, Humphriss, Akers

**Members Absent:** City of Dexter

**Staff Present:** Eggermont, Garramone

**Attorney:**

**Members of the public present:** Mason, Munem, Davis, Targhe, Perry

DiPietro called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

## Roll Call

*Ann Arbor Township:* Present/DiPietro

*Pittsfield Township:* Present/Best

*Scio Township:* Present/Auth

*Ypsilanti Township:* Present/Hoffmeister

*City of Dexter:* Absent

*City of Saline:* Present/Humphriss

*City of Ypsilanti:* Present/Akers

## Approval of agenda for 1/24 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without amendment moved by Akers, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

## Approval of Minutes

*12/13/2021 Meeting Minutes Approval*

Motion to approve without amendment moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

## Unfinished Business

*Glass Discussion: GFL*

Akers noted the letter from GFL in the packet summarizing recent actions regarding glass recycling. Munem, representative from GFL, indicated that GFL acquired the MRF in 2018 does not have information regarding glass recycling prior to 2018. GFL is building a MRF on Pontiac Road to be able to clean glass in a way that should make it easier to recycling in current glass markets. The current MRF on Huron Road in New Boston, MI is reusing glass as roadbed material at landfill. When the new MRF opens, Munem noted they will transport glass from the old facility to the new one for it to be recycled.

*Humphriss arrived at 1:11 PM.*

Auth asked if GFL may bring materials to the new Ann Arbor MRF, as it would be much closer for Scio Township's recycling, and if glass had ever been recycled over the course of Scio's current contract. Munem will investigate both questions.

## Group Contracting Discussion

Davis discussed the memo in the packet he wrote on how WRRMA can begin the process to look at the long-term goal of group contracting. He mentioned usually waste collection and disposal are done together as trash, recycling, and yard waste, and it would be unusual but possible to just contract recycling.

*DiPietro left at 1:41 PM.*

Motion to take a 5-minute recess moved by Auth, supported by Best. All in favor. Motion carries.  
Akers resumed the meeting at 1:46 PM.

Davis added that now is the right time to begin review how to put together an RFP. He can begin creating a basic version for review prior to the next meeting. The group discussed the possibility of including other waste streams under WRRMA's purview. Davis suggested starting with recycling with the possibility of adjusting based on feedback.

Davis noted that WRRMA first needs to review current contracts to chart out timelines, waste streams, and out-clauses. Eggermont will reach out to each member to request the contract from members if not currently on hand.

#### *App to Action & Recycling Quality Improvement Grant*

Eggermont introduced the grant agreement provided by The Recycling Partnership (TRP). The City of Ann Arbor would be doing the Recycling Quality Improvement Grant and cart tagging this upcoming year. Afterwards, WRRMA as a whole would be doing the App to Action Grant, applying the data learned from the previous grants to conduct additional education and outreach based on WRRMA's goals.

Auth requested the addition of indemnity language between WRRMA and TRP as well as a clause that certificates of insurance will be secured from TRP and all other vendors prior to the beginning of the work.

Motion to approve the grant agreement conditioned upon a review in total by WRRMA's attorney, the inclusion of an indemnity clause, and certificates of insurance are secured from TRP and all vendors moved by Auth, supported by Best. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

#### **New Business**

##### *Organization: Elections*

Akers opened nominations for Board elections.

Nomination of Akers for Chair moved by Auth, supported by Humphriss. All in favor. Motion carries.  
Nomination of Auth for Vice Chair moved by Hoffmeister, supported by Best. All in favor. Motion carries.  
Nomination of Dipietro, for Secretary/Treasurer moved by auth, supported by best.

##### *Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar*

The Board discussed moving the meeting earlier than 1 PM.

Motion to approve the meeting schedule as written, except to move the December meeting date from 12/19 to 12/12 and to move the meeting time to 11 am contingent upon acceptance from City of Dexter moved by Humphriss, supported by Best. All in favor. Motion carries.

##### *Invoices*

Motion to approve the Davis invoice in the amount of \$487.50 and the County invoice in the amount of \$3,867.97 moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

#### **Reports and Updates**

- The amended articles were published in MLive on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once the certificates of publication are received, they will be brought to the Secretary of State. Eggermont anticipates Mason will be the appointed delegate for the City of Ann Arbor.
- Eggermont noted he filled out the tax-exempt form for 2022 and has it on file.

#### **Next Steps**

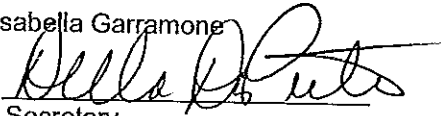
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#### **Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by:   
Secretary

Minutes approved by:   
Chair