

# Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

1/25/2021; 1:00 PM

## Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Auth, Akers, DiPietro, Hoffmeister, Breyer, Fordice, Lyon, Perry

**Members Absent:**

**Washtenaw County Staff Present:** Eggermont, Garramone

**Attorney:** Davis

**Members of the public present:** Ukena, Weinert, Naples

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:03PM.

### Roll Call

*Ann Arbor Township:* Present - DiPietro attending remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, MI

*Pittsfield Township:* Present – Lyon is attending remotely from Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, MI

*Scio Township:* Present – Auth is attending remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI Washtenaw, MI; Perry (alternate) is attending remotely Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI

*Ypsilanti Township:* Hoffmeister is attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, MI

*City of Dexter:* Present – Breyer is attending remotely from the City of Dexter, Washtenaw County, MI

*City of Saline:* Present – Fordice is attending remotely from Norman, Cleveland County, OK

*City of Ypsilanti:* Present – Akers is attending remotely from the City of Riverview, Wayne County, MI

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of agenda for 1/25 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without amendment moved by DiPietro, seconded by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (7) Motion carries.

### Approval of Minutes

*12/14/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval*

Auth notes grammar issues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, requested a change to “*Auth questioned an item dealing with invoicing*”.

Motion to approve as amended moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (7). Motion carries.

### Action Items

#### *Elections*

Auth proposed Lyon become chair again, with Akers as vice chair, and DiPietro remaining as treasurer/secretary. DiPietro stated that once the County is no longer supporting WRRMA administratively, treasurer and secretary should split into two separate roles.

Eggermont noted Lyon is currently the alternate and would need to be the delegate to be a chair. The board determined Lyon can accept the nomination contingent upon being approved as delegate.

Auth nominated Craig Lyon as Chair, Ron Akers as Vice Chair, and Della DiPietro as Treasurer/Secretary. Seconded by Fordice. Lyon, Akers, and DiPietro accept their nominations. Roll call vote: Yes (7). Motion carries.

#### *Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar*

Motion to approve calendar without amendments moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (7). Motion carries.

### Unfinished Business

### *Update from Recycle Ann Arbor*

Bryan Ukena and Bryan Weinert from Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA) presented an update on the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Drop-off Station (DOS).

Ukena noted the MRF is on track to be operational in November 2021, with processing capability for the entire region's materials. It will be guided by a triple bottom line approach, with equal preference given to zero waste, community, and sustainability. In addition, the MRF has a highest value/best use recycling principle and will only accept materials that can be authentically recycled, with end markets wherever possible that allow for those materials to be recycled repeatedly.

Weinert presented on the DOS. Annually, it serves 35,000 vehicles, diverts 1,389 tons of materials, and safely disposes of 1,684 tons of materials.

### *Grant Updates*

Eggermont, Akers, and Garramone met with The Recycling Partnership (TRP). Eggermont mentioned Canton is also doing the grant and working with the GFL MRF. Their timelines is early Spring. For process simplification, WRRMA's timeline will follow directly afterward, and all communities will be tagged at the same time. This requires a minor increase in cost, which will be covered by EGLE.

Eggermont asked if municipalities would be willing to reject carts outright (instead of after a warning) for egregious violations like yard waste, trash, and electronics. The board varied on their thoughts and will discuss with their municipal boards. Lyon requested a work-flow procedure for the rejection process.

### **New Business**

#### *City of Ann Arbor Process*

Naples has drafted answers to city council member questions about WRRMA, many of which are about flexibility to include the City of Ann Arbor's needs in contracts. It will be presented at the early February meeting. Naples can share the resolution with Eggermont to send.

If the resolution passes as its expected to, Eggermont explained all WRRMA members' municipal boards would need to pass an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation which includes the City of Ann Arbor as a member.

### **Next Steps**

- Eggermont will get the feet on the street process written out for review

### **2<sup>nd</sup> round Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Auth, seconded by Akers. Roll Call Vote Yes (7); Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: *Della DiPietro*  
[Della DiPietro \(Feb 22, 2021 17:17 EST\)](#)  
Secretary

Minutes approved by: *Craig A. Lyon*  
[Craig A. Lyon \(Feb 22, 2021 14:57 EST\)](#)  
Chair









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