

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 8:30 a.m.
WESTERN WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Lauren Smith, Andrew Schmidt, Gary McCririe, Kathleen Root, Molly Maciejewski

Members Absent: Mike McCormick, Evan Pratt

Liaison Present: Commissioner Katie Scott

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 at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Smith, supported by Maciejewski to approve the agenda as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Meeting- January 19, 2022
Motion by Root, supported by McCririe to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**
Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
No Public Present
5. **Reports/Program Update**
 - A) Lake Improvement Projects Update
Koloski reported the Lakes projects are moving along, planning for 2022 treatment season is underway. She also mentioned the Resolution for the Aqua-Weed contract amendment for Whitmore Lake is included in the packet for action items. They are the current vendor for herbicide applications for Whitmore Lake.
Koloski also reported North Lake in partnership with the North Lake Protection Association, Clarke Aquatic and Keiser & Associates will do a new treatment process called phoslock, to treating phosphorus, with expectations to control algae blossoms. She mentioned she is excited to see if treatment method can be beneficial with future treatment applications within improving quality in the lake systems.

Schmidt asked Koloski if she had any additional comments with regards to the Aqua Weed contract amendment. Koloski mentioned working with Aqua Weed has been a very pleasant relationship and has been the contractor for many years on Whitmore Lake.

Schmidt had questions with regards to the Lake financial reports with regards to Assessment amounts budgeted/received. Eggermont mentioned they review those fund balances before determination of the assessments each year. Typically spending down so they can adjust assessment amounts for continued lake management to ensure adequate assessments and expenses align.

B) PIAC

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 12/20/2021

Eggermont mentioned there was a sponsorship request is in review with PIAC and will be presented to the BPW for recommendation at the next meeting for Ypsilanti Township for recycling carts.

Eggermont also mentioned they are working on Climate Action Plan to incorporate within the Solid Waste Plan when it's up for renewal.

Maciejewski asked about communities that are charging fees to rent recycling carts. Eggermont mentioned Ypsilanti Township is the only township currently. Smith mentioned the smaller red containers there are not rental fees, but there are rental fees for larger recycling containers. Smith also asked about recycling materials going to different facilities. Eggermont responded that this is currently based on whom the hauler is.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 12/13/2021

Eggermont mentioned he has a statement from GFL with regards to the current glass recycling being used for roadbed within the landfill. He mentioned they are looking at the language with regards to reuse and recycling. He also reported GFL is investing 25M to construct a glass recycling facility, expects this will take about 18 month- 4-year time frame.

Eggermont also mentioned he is talking with various communities with contracts haulers and their specific interests in collection of recycling and trash. Discussions with regards to the haulers and the collaboration of the communities in the county.

D) Clean Up Day Memo

- Electronics Vendor site visit memo

Eggermont provided highlights of the Valley City Electronic Recycling Tour visit on December 17, 2021. Expects to use them as the electronics recycler for the events.

E) Directors Report

- Annual Report Eggermont also reviewed and provided highlights from the Solid Waste Annual Report for 2021. He also mentioned the County Clean up day Events should all be scheduled before April 1st this year. He also provided update for future considerations for improvements. Discussions on promotion of volunteer recruiting.
- Materials Management Grant
Eggermont provided highlights of the EGLE Grant recommending SEMCOG will be the regional collective designated planning agency. This is a grant to help transition from solid waste management to materials management planning regionally.

Eggermont provided update for the DOS replacement and meeting with Pittsfield Township with regards to location options.

6. Action Items

- A) Resolution to Extend Term of Contract Aqua-Weed
Motion by McCririe, supported by Maciejewski to approve the Resolution to Extend Term of Contract Aqua-Weed as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.
- B) Resolution to Recommend SEMCOG as Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Grant to the Board of Commissioners
Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Root to approve the Resolution to Recommend SEMCOG as Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Grant to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

7. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

Schmidt asked about the period 13 on the Public Works/Solid Waste financial report. Katz responded that this is for any accounting entries after year end closed to post as accruals to previous year for any revenue/expenses incurred.

8. Other Business

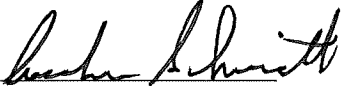
None

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 a.m.


Andrew Schmidt, Chair