

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

2/28/2022; 11:00 AM

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

Members Present: Sirls, DiPietro, Akers, Auth, Best
Members Absent: City of Dexter, Ypsilanti Township
Staff Present: Garramone, Eggermont
Attorney: Davis
Members of the public present: Perry, Mason via phone

Akers called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro
Pittsfield Township: Present/Best
Scio Township: Present/Auth
Ypsilanti Township: Absent
City of Dexter: Absent
City of Saline: Present/Sirls
City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

City of Ann Arbor: Absent

Approval of agenda for 2/28 meeting

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

Approval of Minutes

1/24/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

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

Unfinished Business

Group Contracting Discussion Continued

Davis has been reviewing members' contracts and has started a draft RFP document. He is also tracking the recent local RFP proposals and responses. Davis will suggest a favored nations clause for a contract, which would reopen contracts to obtain a better rate if the better rate was made available to others. He also noted that WRRMA could write in a contract to ensure some already in-place haulers could be grandfathered in, such as some condo associations in Ann Arbor Township with their own contracts and the City of Ypsilanti's self-hauling of their own recycling. Best noted Pittsfield's contract should be going to the board soon and will be up in 2023 for all three services.

DiPietro asked if it would be difficult to find a hauler interested in an RFP that doesn't have all three services of trash, yard waste, and recycling. Davis did not think there would be an issue.

New Business

2022 Grant Update and Planning

Eggermont announced the City of Ann Arbor is effectively a WRRMA member as the articles of incorporation were mailed to the Secretary of State for filing last week. They will be starting the Feet on the Street program in July for cart-tagging. The follow-up App to Action grant will include all members, including the City of Ann Arbor, and start in August. WRRMA should discuss in the near future what to focus on in the follow-up grant, increasing participation or continuing to reduce contamination.

The County will continue to work with TRP on planning, Eggermont noted it worked well to have Della and Ron meet more regularly as a small committee, and unless there is any objection, he will primarily work with Mason for the City of Ann Arbor's portion. No objections. Mason will find out if she has the City's participation rates already, to aid WRRMA in determining a goal for the follow-up grant.

Eggermont added TRP is reviewing the contract language input from Davis.

Drop-Off Station Topic Introduction

Eggermont noted WRRMA in the past has discussed that the Drop-Off Station (DOS) operated by Recycle Ann Arbor and owned by the City of Ann Arbor. WRRMA's strategic plan includes monitoring and supporting drop off facilities. EGLE has given an \$850,000 grant for a replacement DOS, and the County has earmarked \$1 million towards a suitable replacement. The remainder of the funds are anticipated to come from the City of Ann Arbor.

The City of Ann Arbor and the County are working with Pittsfield Township to collaborate on the location. They would like WRRMA to have input on how the DOS might help achieve WRRMA's regional goals. Eggermont noted members should be prepared at the next meeting to discuss how the DOS may assist in fulfilling regional sustainability goals.

Perry wondered if a similar facility could be reviewed in the future for the western side of the county. Eggermont noted a 2017 RRS study noted drop off station priority for where most of the County population reside and what distance residents would drive for such services. The Board discussed other options for disposing of materials. Auth noted he wants additional education for Scio Township residents, including sharing the Waste Wizard and having a "recycling university". Eggermont supported the idea of a recycling university, proposing that those who are most engaged in recycling would learn and share that knowledge with others.

Eggermont has invited Recycle Ann Arbor to be part of the next meeting to discuss the DOS.

Invoices

Motion to approve the Davis invoice in the amount of \$1,350 moved by DiPietro, seconded by Auth. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

Financial Report: Eggermont noted that WRRMA hasn't paid for an audit yet, he is expecting to have those this year at some point.

Next Steps

None specified

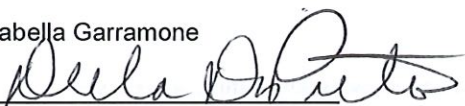
Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by:


Secretary

Minutes approved by:


Chair