

## **Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes**

**4/26/21 | 9:00AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Members Present:** Weinert, Simmons, Bukowski, Stone, Williams, Smith, Naples, Naud

**Members Absent:** Ohren (with advanced notice), Seegert

**BPW Liaison:** Smith

**Public Present:** Lamar Weir from Debbie Dingell's office

**Staff Present:** Eggermont, Porta, Pratt

**Stone called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Roll Call**

Weinert is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Simmons is present attending remotely from City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

Bukowski is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI

Stone is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Williams is present and attending remotely from City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, MI.

Smith is present and attending remotely City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

Naples is present and attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Naud is present attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Ohren is not present.

Seegert is not present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Approval of agenda without amendment moved by Williams seconded by Simmons. All in favor.

### **Approval of 3/22/21 Minutes**

Approval of minutes without amendment moved by Naples, seconded by Simmons. All in favor.

### **Committee Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

*None*

### **Reports and Updates**

*County Updates –*

The part 115 legislation that requires county solid waste plan updates has moved from the MI House to the Senate. EGLE's infrastructure grants have been released and Eggermont and Naples are working toward applying for assistance for a Drop-Off Station replacement. Eggermont also noted the County Board of Commissioners are looking for funding priorities and suggested the Board reach out to their commissioners in support of a Drop-Off Station. The Chelsea Clean-Up Day this past weekend brought in roughly 700 cars.

*WRRMA –* The recycling quality improvement grant is continuing to move forward, beginning with a MRF audit in June. WRRMA approved a contract with ReCollect for a recycling search engine tool.

*City of Ann Arbor* – Ann Arbor passed resolution to join WRRMA.

*RAA* – Weinert is anticipating opening the MRF in November 2021, with a grand opening celebration of Spring 2022. The Pittsfield Township Board approved an updated and expanded voucher program at the DOS for residents and small businesses, and Scio Township is looking towards a similar program.

*WWRA* – Williams and WWRA are going through the 5-year assessment renewal process. The new automated truck will begin being built in June and the new AI sorter will be installed in August.

Naud informed the Board of the release of 8.5 million dollars in EGLE recycling/compost grants with application deadlines of May, June, and August.

#### *Subcommittee Updates*

*Education* – Bukowski presented on plastic recovery. The Ellen Macarthur fund has put money and initiative behind steps for the plastics industry. Key figures have signed on board, and goals included that all packaging is able to be reused, recycled, or composted, is free of hazardous chemicals, and is eliminated of problematic or unnecessary plastics. Bukowski went through several innovative ideas with plastic packaging – hidden UPC code on packaging not visible to regular eye could be read by optical sorter.

### **Old Business**

#### *Review Program Evaluations*

Eggermont reviewed the SWOT evaluation with prioritized recommendations from the evaluation subcommittee for the Waste Knot program.

### **New Business**

#### *School Recycling Program SWOT Evaluation*

Porta presented an overview of the School Recycling Program. The committee conducted a SWOT analysis of the program.

### **Next Steps**

- Evaluation committee will review the SWOT of the School Recycling Program as well as review and categorize overall priorities for all programs.
- Williams suggested holding two June meetings to wrap up the program evaluations.

### **Public Comment**

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 A.M. moved by Williams, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Angela Porta and Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*  
Nancy Y. Stone (May 24, 2021 16:55 EDT)

Nancy Stone, Secretary






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