

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:30 a.m.

WESTERN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – via Remote.

Members Present: Dries, Smith, Schmidt, Maciejewski, Pratt, McCormick, McCririe

Members Absent: None

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Morgan

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Service Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Member Virtual roll call– Chair Dries called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. Member Attendance:
Dries, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Schmidt, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
McCririe, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Maciejewski, South Beach, Florida
Pratt, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Smith, City of Clio, Genesee County, Michigan
McCormick, City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Morgan, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Public Attendance:
Lamar Weir, Representing Congresswoman Dingell’s office.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by McCormick, supported by Schmidt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes-March 17,2021
Motion by Schmidt, supported by McCormick to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2021.
Regular Meeting Minutes- April 21, 2021
Motion by McCormick, supported by Smith to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2021.
5. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items
Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
Weir, attending for any updates and community news in recycling events.

6. Reports/Program Updates

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported the lakes projects are moving along. Finished up canal treatments up yesterday. Next week they are conducting Lake Surveys on all the Lake projects May 24, 25 & 28th to determine treatment schedules. Transition of Aquatic Services contract to Clark Aquatic Services. Expect the same level of service. Eggermont mentioned Jeff Knox has sold Aquatic Services to Clark. Eggermont mentioned when the contract does come back up for bid process, qualification recommended is not to have the Lake Management contractor able to also be a vendor for treatments. Dries ask about County Purchasing policy for local contractor preferences. Koloski provided update that Clark Aquatic bought a building in Michigan and plan to move some operations to the State. Eggermont mentioned meeting held with PBWOA and Koloski presented statistics with regards to the Chain of Lakes, covering acres treated and administrative costs incurred for the project. He also mentioned the mailers that are sent for treatment notices have helped in the communication process to residents prompting less questions/calls to the department. Koloski also mentioned all the lakes are presenting a lot of algae and with new regulations from the State on treatments, the algae issues may present some challenges this year.

B) PIAC Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 3/22/2021

Received & Filed

Eggermont reported review of the current School Recycling program. Focus on building the program participation and now determine to focus on the value of the program, increasing the educational component. Discussion about schools participating in the program, based on meeting current priorities, will be looking to aid in funding both the educational component and collection of materials in the 2022-2024 program periods. Eggermont also mentioned the PIAC Committee is ending their review of current programs and expect to have reports to the board in August.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 3/15/2021

Received & Filed

Eggermont reported they are in preparation to begin to administrate grant received last year. Mailers, and other media avenues are expected to be sent to residents with educational information targeting contamination of recyclable materials to reduce the contamination in those materials. He is excited to see the results of this initiative.

Eggermont mentioned the process for revisions required for the WRRMA Articles of Incorporation to allow the City of Ann Arbor to become a member are moving forward. The articles are filed with the Secretary of State once approved.

D) Directors Report

Eggermont reported in the action items the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) Assessments for Operating and Maintenance is up for renewal. WWRA has been providing recycling services since 1993, providing recycling drop off services for 5 townships and both drop off/curb side services for City of Chelsea. They collect about 7,000 tons of materials per year with distribution of those materials to several manufacturer's in Michigan and neighboring states. They have been a partner to achieve the county's Solid Waste goals. He also mentioned items required in following the PA 185 Act of 1957 for the project. Also included is the action items, is a Resolution to approve for Tentative Determination to Proceed with Resolution to Hold First Public Hearing for the renewal

project. He mentioned the public hearing will be a remote meeting to hear support or objections to the project. Dries asked about the public hearing and those residents that want to make comments and how we would remotely do this process. Eggermont mentioned he is evaluating options to ensure the public can speak with their comments in the remote environment. Eggermont also mentioned in reviewing the budget for the WWRA renewal there is a slight increase in the budget for expected assessments from \$26.00 to \$31.00 for drop off services and \$44.00 to \$53.00 for curbside services, adjusting for inflation and based on the decreased value of recyclables. Discussion about costs associated with contaminated materials that are accepted at WWRA.

Eggermont reported the school recycling program art winner for the elementary schools have been awarded and awaiting legal release to use and distribute the art on billboard. Also, the high school winner received a \$500.00 donation from Steven's Disposal as they have partnered in the program support.

Eggermont also reported that Part 115 (Solid Waste Plan) has passed in the Michigan House and is now moving into the Senate. Providing the bill is passed into law, it would require us to update the Solid Waste Plan and updates to that plan would occur every five years. It would also provide some funding to complete those revisions required on the Solid Waste Plan. The funding comes from the Renew Michigan funding source.

Eggermont reported we received the 2021 Tire Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 that we applied for and will be working with townships to have one off tire events and to do more tire collections in the County. He also mentioned they are working with the Conservation District to provide an agricultural tire collection. He mentioned the Tire grant does not currently fund agricultural tires as those grant funds are funded by title transfers and agricultural equipment do not pay into those funds.

Eggermont also mentioned the state is issuing infrastructure grants released in April, and the staff is distributing this information to various entities to promote projects within the County. He expects to see that Ypsilanti Township and the City of Ypsilanti will be seeking funds to help with recycling cart purchases. Eggermont is interested in pursuing a Grant for food compost and looking to seeking funding for research.

Eggermont also included in the Action items a Resolution to support the City of Ann Arbor's Application for Grant Funding to replace the comprehensive drop off station. The City of Ann Arbor will be submitting an application to replace the facility and expand services. There are several issues at the current DOS and feels this would be a great improvement to an important regional asset to achieve the Solid Waste Plan goals. Upon approval of the grant funding it is anticipated to have the new DOS fully operational by 2026. Looking for letters of support and resolution for this grant application.

Eggermont asked board members to think about how to prioritize current Solid Waste funds for next meeting. Pratt asked about PIAC committee and their SWOT analysis results for priorities that may help in determining distributions to program initiatives. Eggermont mentioned they have been currently working on program recommendations for current program improvements and will begin to look at new program focus initiatives.

7. Action Items

- A) Memorandum of Claims –None to present
- B) Resolution to Initiate and Establish WWRA Operating and Maintenance Cost Assessment
Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Schmidt to approve resolution to approve Resolution to Initiate and Establish WWRA Operating and Maintenance Cost Assessment. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
- C) Resolution for Tentative Determination to Proceed with Resolution to hold Public Hearing for WWRA Operating and Maintenance Cost Assessment
Motion by Schmidt, supported by Smith to approve resolution to approve Resolution for Tentative Determination to Proceed with Resolution to hold Public Hearing for WWRA Operating and Maintenance Cost Assessment. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
- D) Resolution to Support the City of Ann Arbor’s Application for grant Funds for the Replacement of the Comprehensive Drop Off Station
Motion by Smith, supported by Schmidt to approve resolution to approve Resolution to Support the City of Ann Arbor’s Application for grant Funds for the Replacement of the Comprehensive Drop Off Station. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Maciejewski Abstained from vote.

8. Financial Reports

Received and Filed monthly financial reports.

9. Other Business

None

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No comments

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Molly Maciejewski via remotely

Molly Maciejewski, Secretary