

# Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

3/21/2022; 11:00 AM

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

**Members Present:** Akers, Hoffmeister, Auth, Sirls, Tanghe, DiPietro, Best, Mason

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Garramone, Eggermont

**Attorney:** Davis

**Members of the public present:** West, Ukena, Weinert, Maciejewski, Perry

Akers called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

## Roll Call

*Ann Arbor Township:* Present/DiPietro

*Pittsfield Township:* Present/Best

*Scio Township:* Present/Auth

*Ypsilanti Township:* Present/Hoffmeister

*City of Dexter:* Present/Tanghe

*City of Saline:* Present/Sirls

*City of Ypsilanti:* Present/Akers

*City of Ann Arbor:* Present/Mason

## Approval of agenda for 3/21 meeting

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

## Approval of Minutes

*2/28/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval*

Eggermont asked Davis if City of Ann Arbor should be noted as a member on the minutes since the City of Ann Arbor didn't have a delegate established and was not present in person. Davis noted City of Ann Arbor should be noted as not present in the past minutes.

Motion to approve as amended moved by Auth, seconded by Sirls. All in favor. Motion carries.

## Unfinished Business

*Drop-Off Station (DOS) presentation from Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA)*

Akers introduced Ukena and Weinert from RAA. Ukena described that the Drop-Off Station (DOS) has been located on Ellsworth since 1995 and open year-round on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Weinert described the DOS provides expanded single-stream recycling and recycling for materials that cannot be recycled curbside. The \$3 entry fee has been in place since 2008. Revenue comes from the entry fee, recycling charges for specific materials, and sales of recyclables.

DOS entrances are ~50% City of Ann Arbor residents, ~40-45% WRRMA communities, ~5% other communities in the County and beyond. The City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Lodi Township have vouchers where the community pays a fee to waive resident entrance fee. Weinert noted a new drop-off station provides not only an opportunity to design the facility for reduction, reuse, and engagement on-site, but also the potential to increase the materials accepted on-site.

The EGLE grant was funded to the City of Ann Arbor, as the City owns the property while Recycle Ann Arbor runs the operations. Mason noted the grant deadline is September 2023, but she anticipates asking for an extension into 2024. Maciejewski added the proposed site is in Pittsfield Township, who they are working with.

*DOS Activity*

The Board discussed any sustainability goals or plans their municipalities have, particularly if there are any that a new Drop-Off Station could help realize. WRRMA members answered the question "What would you like to see in a regional drop-off that would help to achieve your municipal sustainability goals?" on post-its and added to them to white board at the front of the room.

Auth left at 12:14 PM. Maciejewski left at 12:17 PM.

The Board reviewed post-it notes and grouped them by idea, then named each group. Groups included Energy (4 notes), Stormwater Management (4), Services (11), Reuse (4), Composting (4), Traffic (4), Business Structure (2), Admin (1), and Education (7).

The Board prioritized their top 3 categories by placing 3 tick marks on their high priorities. The results are as follows: Energy (1), Stormwater Management (1), Services (7), Reuse (2), Composting (0), Traffic (3), Business Structure (4), Admin (0), and Education (5).

#### *Group Contracting Update*

Davis is working with the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority to create an RFP. There is a wide range of what the communities are looking for and will be a good learning opportunity for WRRMA. He will have a draft RFP ready for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### *Invoices*

The invoice attached was approved as a prior meeting when it was voted to approve all costs related to approving the first amended articles of incorporation.

### **Reports and Updates**

Eggermont noted a consent judgement with GFL's Arbor Hills Landfill was approved. Part of the requirements is to build to a Home Toxics Center facility at the landfill within 300 days. GFL will provide operating funds to Washtenaw County and are required to keep it active for 10 years. It will be open four days a week for four hours a day at minimum. It will be free for all Washtenaw County, Northville Township, and City of Northville residents.

### **Next Steps**

The TRP contract is getting approved by Bob and then will be submitted to TRP.

### **Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by DiPietro, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by:

  
Secretary

Minutes approved by:

  
Chair