

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

12/16/2019; 1:00 PM

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

Members Present: Lyon (Pittsfield Charter Township), Auth (Scio Township), Stanfield (Charter Township of Ypsilanti), Fordice (City of Saline), Simmons (City of Ypsilanti), Nicholls (City of Dexter), Akers (City of Ypsilanti), Perry (Scio Township)

Members Absent: DiPietro (excused)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Craig Hupy, Howard Lazarus, Cresson Slotten

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:00PM

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Not present

Pittsfield Township: Lyon

Scio Township: Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Stanfield

City of Dexter: Nicholls

City of Saline: Fordice

City of Ypsilanti: Akers

Public Comment

None

Approval of agenda for 12/16 meeting

- Lyon: wants to incorporate introductions due to new member
- Motion to approve with change moved by Auth, seconded by Akers. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

11/18/2019 Meeting Minutes Approval

- Motion to approve moved by Akers, seconded by Stanfield. All in favor.

Unfinished Business: SOCRRA MRF Visit

Lyon recommends 1/14/2020 as the visit date. Davis recommends arriving at 10AM.

New Business

Community Recycling Volumes and Quality Impact

- Nicholls has data on Dexter's recycling tonnage and will share.
- Davis reminds board that major long-term goal is to capture this data to show over time that volumes and quality are increasing.
- Eggermont suggests next step of updating in Solid Waste Plan what is recyclable in each community based on current contracts.
- Motion to receive and file moved by Auth, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Update: A2 Plan for MRF

- Lazarus updates that at 12/2 meeting, Ann Arbor City Council provided direction for city administrator to negotiate with Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA) to repair, modify, and operate the materials recovery facility (MRF). This will take some time to complete, RAA and Ann Arbor are now entering contract negotiations. The facility will operate single stream recycling.
- Lazarus explains that RAA will have the ability to negotiate who will be able to utilize the excess recycling tonnage space after the city's recycling. Davis reiterates that it would be good for WRRMA members to know tonnage data for this reason.
- Motion to receive and file moved by Akers, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Update: A2 Membership Potential

- Lazarus discussed previous concerns of city council regarding joining WRRMA. Lazarus will recommend joining WRRMA to city council again.
- Board members discussed that Ann Arbor's experience and knowledge would be helpful and valuable in this formative phase. Some expressed preference that weighted voting be balanced in a way that still requires more than two votes on major decisions.
- Davis suggests that once WRRMA gets to a point where it could enter a recycling contract, the board could investigate allowing a weighted voting structure.
- Nicholls mentioned that with the City of Ann Arbor using a local MRF in the near future, it would raise publicity on what happens to recyclables and increase public trust in their local recycling.
- Motion to receive and file moved by Stanfield, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Contract with Washtenaw County for administrative services

- Auth recommended three changes for contract: specify that the proposal is attachment A in Article I, fix a grammatical error in Article II, and make a clarification by adding "any" prior to applicant in Article IV.
- Motion to approve contract as amended moved by Akers, seconded by Fordice.
- In favor: 6; Against: 0; Absent: 1. Motion passes.

Reports

- Akers informs that the City of Ypsilanti extended contract with Recycle Ann Arbor to continue waiving Drop-off Station fees for residents and will start holding recycling drop off events once per month.
- Auth explains that Scio voted to continue existing contract with Recycle Ann Arbor for drop off recycling at the township hall.
- Lyon informs that the Pittsfield Township board of trustees approved a year extension with Republic Services.
- Motion to receive and file moved by Fordice, second by Akers. All in favor.

Next Steps

January Meeting

- Eggermont proposes next meeting to be held on January 27th, 2020.
- Motion to approve 1/27 as next meeting date moved by Fordice, seconded by Auth. All in favor.
- Lyon offers Pittsfield Township as meeting location.

Review 2020 Meeting Dates

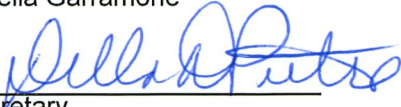
- The board received 2020 meeting dates to review for approval at January meeting.
- Motion to receive and file moved by Akers, seconded by Auth. All in favor.


Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items*

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Akers, seconded by Fordice. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: 
Secretary

Minutes approved by: 
Chair

