

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

6/15/2020; 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting and 705 N Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Room 1104

Members Present: Auth (Scio Township), Perry (Scio Township), Weirich (Pittsfield Charter Township), Akers (City of Ypsilanti), DiPietro (Ann Arbor Township), Nicholls (City of Dexter)

Members Absent: Fordice (City of Saline), Stanfield (Ypsilanti Township)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Naples

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro

Pittsfield Township: Present/Weirich

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Not Present

City of Dexter: Present/Nicholls

City of Saline: Not Present

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

Public Comment

None

Approval of agenda for 6/15 meeting

- Motion to approve agenda moved by DiPietro, seconded by Weirich. Roll call vote: Yes (5). All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

5/18/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

- Motion to approve without revisions moved by Weirich, seconded by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (5). All in favor.

New Business

Draft Resolution 20-1

- Davis presented the draft resolution, with the requested revisions and generic language. Davis clarified there are legal precedents to agree to a resolution for considerations that do not bind to future decisions.
- Auth would like the resolution to be sponsored or moved by a constituent member, and believes it is still premature.
- Della suggested updating WRRMA's objective to "raising the volume of high-quality recyclables".
- Akers relayed that labor issues were brought up when the City of Ypsilanti joined, and this will help get contracts approved by The City of Ypsilanti in the future. The City has an ordinance where they will not contract with anyone that not providing a living wage. Akers announced he is willing to put the resolution on the agenda as supported by the City of Ypsilanti.

- Auth said he would only be comfortable voting in favor of the resolution through instruction from Scio's Board of Trustees.
- Akers reminded that WRRMA spending over \$5,000 has to go before members' legislative bodies as per the Articles, which would likely be any WRRMA contract.
- Eggermont explained that if passed, he would work with the Ann Arbor Sustainability Commission to get WRRMA on the table for City Council. He believes this resolution would indicate WRRMA is willing to work with the City of Ann Arbor throughout the process.
- Nicholls requested the resolution to appear for voting on at the next meeting.

Marketing Discussion: Website & Press Release

- Eggermont recommended to the Board a soft digital launch of WRRMA, as well as a press release to share WRRMA's purpose as well as notify the public of the grant.
- Garramone led the Board in a tour of the draft website and Facebook pages. It contains basic information about waste authorities, WRRMA's members and goals, and redirects visitors back to their own municipality for specific recycling assistance.
- DiPietro recommended uploading the common recyclables list and the other educational materials from the grant on the website prior to launch.

Unfinished Business

Grant Update

- Eggermont updated that The Recycling Partnership is unable to travel until after Labor Day, which affects completing the MRF audits in time to run the tagging program this year. Furthermore, running the program simultaneously next year through all members would allow consistent messaging between communities, save about \$9,000, and allow more time to plan. No contract amendments must be made. Timing for next year relies on MRF rescheduling, potentially by early May.
- DiPietro suggested including a program timeline in the press release.

Reports

- The Recycle Ann Arbor Drop-Off Station reopened and is collecting select materials.
- The City of Ann Arbor extended their contract with Recycle Ann Arbor for one more year.
- Part 115, which manages solid waste at the state level is being amended. Members might see a price increase in fees from their haulers as a result.
- The county Home Toxics Center has reopened and is running slightly modified.

Next Steps

- Davis will resend his contract to be added to the next packet.
- A draft press release for WRRMA and the grant will be brought to the next meeting for review.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by DiPietro, seconded by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (5). All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: Della DiPietro
Secretary

Minutes approved by: Ronald A. Akers
Chair

Signature: *Della DiPietro*
Della DiPietro (Jul 22, 2020 17:18 EDT)

Email: dipietro@aatwp.org

Signature: *Ronald A. Akers*
Ronald A. Akers (Jul 22, 2020 17:22 EDT)

Email: rakers@cityofypsilanti.com









6.15.20 Minutes.forsigning

Final Audit Report

2020-07-22

Created:	2020-07-20
By:	Isabella Garramone (garramonei@washtenaw.org)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAAu5-qGLZdYBGCEwprNHsJqlqJherFW-f6

"6.15.20 Minutes.forsigning" History

-  Document created by Isabella Garramone (garramonei@washtenaw.org)
2020-07-20 - 7:32:26 PM GMT- IP address: 198.108.4.105
-  Document emailed to Della DiPietro (dipietro@aatwp.org) for signature
2020-07-20 - 7:33:14 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by Della DiPietro (dipietro@aatwp.org)
2020-07-22 - 9:16:56 PM GMT- IP address: 173.10.38.129
-  Document e-signed by Della DiPietro (dipietro@aatwp.org)
Signature Date: 2020-07-22 - 9:18:15 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 173.10.38.129
-  Document emailed to Ronald A. Akers (rakers@cityofypsilanti.com) for signature
2020-07-22 - 9:18:16 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by Ronald A. Akers (rakers@cityofypsilanti.com)
2020-07-22 - 9:21:38 PM GMT- IP address: 23.103.201.254
-  Document e-signed by Ronald A. Akers (rakers@cityofypsilanti.com)
Signature Date: 2020-07-22 - 9:22:04 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 198.108.4.105
-  Signed document emailed to Isabella Garramone (garramonei@washtenaw.org), Ronald A. Akers (rakers@cityofypsilanti.com) and Della DiPietro (dipietro@aatwp.org)
2020-07-22 - 9:22:04 PM GMT