

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

7/20/2020; 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting and 705 N Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Room 1105

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

Members Absent: Stanfield (Ypsilanti Township)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Naples, Weir

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:04 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: Present/Fordice

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

Public Comment

Lamar Weir introduced himself as staff from the Office of Debbie Dingell. He is listening for community updates, events, and news.

Approval of agenda for 7/20 meeting

- Motion to approve agenda moved by DiPietro, seconded by Fordice. Roll call vote: Yes (6). All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

6/17/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

- Auth proposed a language correction on the second page regarding voting.
- Motion to approve as amended moved by Weirich, seconded by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (6). All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Vote on Resolution 20-1, sponsored by the City of Ypsilanti

- Eggermont gave an overview of Resolution 20-1.
- Motion to vote on Resolution 20-1 moved by DiPietro, seconded by Fordice. Roll call vote: Yes (5 – DiPietro, Weirich, Nicholls, Fordice, Akers). No (1 - Auth). Abstain (0). Vote passes.

Marketing: Introduce Press Release

- Eggermont introduced the press release. Due to the grant contract, WRRMA needs to wait for EGLE to release the awardees and their own press release on July 27th, and then will make edits to align with the language from EGLE's release. Eggermont added we can use the quote on EGLE's release or one of our own.

- Auth voiced concern over the target rate of 40% contamination reduction. DiPietro offered a range of 20-40% might prove more flexible.
- DiPietro suggested Akers, as the chair, would be a good choice for a quote. DiPietro further advised adding context for recycling contamination.
- DiPietro wondered if specifying these are “currently accepted” recyclables helps to convey potential for changing over time. Nicholls added we still need people to check with their municipalities for more details because our contracts are varied.
- Eggermont will follow up with those who offered support.

New Business

Contract with Bob Davis

- Davis reviewed and explained his contract to the Board. The contract locks in his rate for three years with either side retaining the right to terminate.
- Auth queried for an explanation of the rate basis, time charging, confidentiality, and malpractice insurance. Davis clarified the rate is consistent with SOCRRA’s rate, and that he charges for exact time spent. Davis will only release information that is already public or approved by WRRMA to be released and can add a clause to his contract that malpractice insurance is required.
- Davis will make a change on the certificate of good standing and the insurance.
- Board members can request prior work Davis has done for WRRMA from Eggermont.
- The contract will be amended and brought to be voted on at the next meeting.

Common Collectibles

- The Board reviewed the common recyclables flyer to be distributed alongside the press release.
- Eggermont suggested adding municipality names on the flyer and inquired if WRRMA members are interested in adding this to their municipality websites.
- DiPietro would like the MRFs to also approve of the flyer before posting. She suggested including Styrofoam to the not accepted list and adding in examples of hazardous waste.
- Akers will share the flyer on the City of Ypsilanti’s website and on their social media. Fordice will also put it on Saline’s website.
- Garramone explained that the flyer is based off a template from The Recycling Partnership, and therefore will look like the grant materials.
- Eggermont proposed making the requested corrections and sending out to municipalities for approval so it can be added to WRRMA’s website and the press release.

Reports

State Metrics

- EGLE launched the State’s mega data project. Eggermont has the questions directly from them and will send to members asking to be connected to the appropriate staff. WRRMA will aggregate the information for authority metrics.

Part 115: 1994 PA 451 Natural resources and environmental protection act (MCL 324.11502-324.11553 and MCL 324.101 to 324.90106), introduced to the Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation as House Bills 5812-5817

- Eggermont informed that Part 115 legislation is to be expected when the house reconvenes.

- Perry wondered about the tipping fee changes in Part 115, and if it will be passed through the haulers and added to municipalities. Davis advised it will have to be negotiated with the hauler.

Other

- Auth informed that a solid waste ordinance passed in Scio township.
- Akers announced that the City of Ypsilanti is extending their Drop-Off Station contract with RAA.

Next Steps

- Eggermont and Garramone will make the required changes to the press release and common collectibles flyer and send for approval before releasing.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (6). All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: *Della DiPietro*
[Della DiPietro \(Aug 18, 2020 15:01 EDT\)](#)
Secretary

Minutes approved by: *Ronald A. Akers*
[Ronald A. Akers \(Aug 18, 2020 19:01 EDT\)](#)
Chair









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