

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

8/16/2021; 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Auth, DiPietro, Akers, Fordice, Breyer, Hoffmeister

Members Absent: Pittsfield Township delegate

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Absent (Davis)

Members of the public present: Perry, Naples, Coleman

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: DiPietro is attending remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, MI

Pittsfield Township: absent

Scio Township: Auth is attending remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI

Washtenaw, MI

Ypsilanti Township: Hoffmeister is attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, MI

City of Dexter: Breyer is attending remotely from the City of Dexter, Washtenaw County, MI

City of Saline: Fordice is attending remotely from the City of Norman, Cleveland County, OK

City of Ypsilanti: Akers is attending remotely from the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI

Approval of agenda for 8/16 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without amendment moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (5) Motion carries.

Coleman introduced herself from the City of Ann Arbor. She will be the interim resource recovery manager.

Hoffmeister joined at 1:06 PM.

Approval of Minutes

6/18/2021 Special Meeting Minutes Approval and 7/19/2021 Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve both minutes without amendment moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Grant Updates

Eggermont noted Feet on the Street tagging ended on Friday, 8/13. The post-program MRF Audit will begin on Friday, 8/20 and wrap up on 8/27.

Tag Updates

Garramone noted that 5,787 containers were tagged over the course of the project. Only 329 containers were rejected. About 2/3rds of the tags given out were for plastic bags/plastic wrap. The tagging data also showed that as passes through a community increased, the tagging rate decreased, indicating that contamination has decreased as a direct result of the tags. The overall participation rate of households that set out recycling at least once during the four passes was 64%. Akers requested set out rates for each of the routes in the City of Ypsilanti.

Education and Outreach Updates

Garramone updated on the education and outreach planning meeting. Some of the remainder of the grant money will be spent on three billboards, 1 each in Dexter, Pittsfield Township, and Ypsilanti, an additional mailer aimed at increasing participation, and some radio sponsorships for WEMU. WRRMA has until November to spend the grant money. Davis reviewed the billboard contract and approved the language.

Articles of Incorporation Amendment Update

Eggermont noted the last community needed to approve the first amended articles is Pittsfield Township, he is sending a request to approve the first amended articles and appoint a board member.

New Business

2022 Budget Discussion

Eggermont recommended setting the budget as the same as last year, \$5,000 per community and a match of the total from Washtenaw County. Municipalities will need to receive the 2022 budget in October and send any comments by December. He will provide a quarterly financial update at the next meeting.

WRRMA/Washtenaw County Contract Renewal Discussion

The extension of the contract from December to June will have to be approved prior to the end of the year. Eggermont noted additional services from the County beyond July 1st of 2022 would have to be approved through the Board of Commissioners as a new contract rather than an extension. DiPietro asked if the budgetary match would still go through with or without the County's staff and fiduciary support, Eggermont confirmed. Auth and DiPietro expressed support to ask for an extension through the end of 2022.

Motion to request the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners a six-month extension of the current contract and an amendment for a further six months to the end of 2022 moved by DiPietro, supported by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

Akers mentioned the Board should begin discussing WRRMA's future post-2022 and potential independence from the County.

Phase 2 Grant Application

Eggermont presented the follow up grant from The Recycling Partnership called the App to Action Grant. It allows \$1 per household for additional education and outreach based on the data collected from the Recycling Quality Improvement grant. Eggermont would like WRRMA to apply for it, and he noted the City of Ann Arbor can apply for a modified Recycling Quality Improvement Grant at the same time. Maciejewski with the City of Ann Arbor and Weinert with Recycle Ann Arbor have been in contact with Eggermont and given permission for WRRMA to apply on their behalf. Auth requested review of contracts and insurance for the additional round of grants.

Breyer left at 1:50 PM.

Motion to authorize County Staff to apply for the App to Action grant with the City of Ann Arbor as an additional applicant moved by DiPietro, supported by Fordice. Roll call vote: Yes (5)

DiPietro left at 1:57 PM.

Invoices

Eggermont requested removal of the Foresight invoice to seek a correction until next month. Auth asked if WRRMA has the ID number to remove sales tax. Davis will get Eggermont the form.

Motion to approve invoices Facebook advertisements in the amount of \$472.65 and payment for County Staffing in the amount of \$16,531.12 moved by Hoffmeister, supported by Auth. Roll call vote: Yes (4). Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

None

Next Steps

None specified

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Auth, seconded by Fordice. Roll Call Vote Yes (4); Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: *Della DiPietro*
Della DiPietro (Sep 30, 2021 11:58 EDT)
Secretary

Minutes approved by: *Ronald A. Akers*
Ronald A. Akers (Sep 30, 2021 12:35 EDT)
Chair










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