

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

5/16/2022; 11:00 AM

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

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

Members Absent: Tanghe

Staff Present: Garramone, Eggermont

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Christensen, Perry

Akers called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro

Pittsfield Township: Present/Best

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Present/Hoffmeister

City of Dexter: Absent

City of Saline: Present/Sirls

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

City of Ann Arbor: Present/Mason

Approval of agenda for 5/16 meeting

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

Sirls present at 11:06 AM

Approval of Minutes

4/18/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve as amended moved by Best, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

RFP Discussion (Davis)

Davis updated he has updated the prior draft and will send for the next meeting. He noted recycling prices are doing well in the market. He proposed adding language to an RFP for haulers to propose an incentive if communities are showing increases in quantity of recyclables. The Board discussed opportunities to improve quality through education and means to request incentives from haulers based on this. Christensen noted that education, specifically for schoolkids, is important to educate the community on waste diversion.

Eggermont asked if the Board would like to propose an annual MRF audit for percent contamination and material makeup as part of the RFP. Mason added the City of Ann Arbor does biannual audits and it also allows them to review market rates and receive higher rates for cleaner material. Davis added some people are motivated internally for recycling and others by market rates.

Grant Updates

Mason noted the designs for the cart tags and informational cards have been updated with the City of Ann Arbor's information and the program will start in June. The new MRF completed their first compositional audit in April and used the contamination they found to inform the recycling information that will be shared.

New Business

Recycling Ambassador Training Discussion

Best and Pittsfield Township have been working on the Green Home Program as a method to incentivized residents with monetary savings for proper recycling. The program would be a training session to teach about how recycling works, the recycling market, and how to recycle. After taking a test

and having recycling checked periodically, a successful resident would receive a sticker for their house and car to promote their activities and a 5% discount on their recycling per month, amounting to about \$12/year. It would save the hauler money to have cleaner recycling as well.

Perry joined at 12:02 pm

Akers asked if the financial model for a discount for services is how the rest of the community's bill residents. He noted their services are from a millage and they do not charge the residents.

Eggermont added that MSU is working on a Master Recycler training program which might be relevant.

Invoices

Motion to approve the Davis invoice for \$1,350 moved by Best, seconded by Sirls. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

Eggermont updated on the progress of the Home Toxics Center at Arbor Hills, set to open next year.

Garramone reviewed the metrics from the last year of the ReCollect Waste Wizard recycling search tool broken down by municipality and top-searched materials. The City of Ann Arbor is in the process of being added to the search.

Eggermont noted he has the Recycle Ann Arbor MRF tours scheduled for 11am and 1pm on 5/26 and 11am and 2pm on 5/27. He sent out a poll for Board Members to respond their ideal dates and times. He will send out who is in which tour when confirmed by RAA.

Eggermont reviewed the financial report with the Board.

Akers reminded the board that the June meeting was moved to June 27th.

Next Steps

Davis is continuing to work on the RFP and will have more framework to share.

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 12:18 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: _____
Secretary

Ronald A. Akers

Minutes approved by: [Ronald A. Akers \(Jun 28, 2022 09:53 EDT\)](#) _____
Chair