

Muskegon County
Solid Waste Planning Committee
August 2, 2017
2:30 p.m.
Republic Services
2611 Olthoff Street
Muskegon, Michigan 49444

Jim Fisher, Chair

Kim Arter, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fisher at 2:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: William Crabtree, Jerry Garman, Kerry Rattinger, Sidney Shaw, Jim Fisher, Russ Jones [arrived at 2:48 p.m.], Kathy Evans, Vicki Webster-Luthy, Terry Sladick, Commissioner Foster

Excused: Wayne Kuerth, Kim Arter

Absent: Chris Hall, Mohammed Al-Shatel

Staff

Present: Greg Leverage, Solid Waste Supervisor; Tina Nash, Public Works Departmental Clerk; Robert Ribbens, Regional Water System Supervisor

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SWPC-17-007 It was moved by Kathy Evans, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

COMMUNICATIONS

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Recycle Study Committee

Commissioner Foster gave an overview of what took place at the sub-committee meeting. Commissioner Foster stated staff provided GBB with defined tasks which were realistic to Muskegon. Commissioner Foster stated the sub-committee has been beneficial.

B. Requested Deliverables

Waste Audit Download – <https://wmsbf.org/msw>

Greg Leverence informed the committee the link provided gives the results of the study completed at the Muskegon County landfill. Chair Fisher requested Greg Leverence send the committee a copy of the study. Matt Flechter stated the MDEQ commissioned the study. The purpose was to get better data to drive decisions at the local level.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider GBB Study Recommendation (attached)

Chair Fisher stated the requested changes to the study were cost neutral. Chair Fisher spoke on the timeline GBB provided for the recycle study report. Commissioner Foster asked the committee to inform either himself or Chair Fisher of any concerns they may have with the information GBB is providing. Chair Fisher pointed out information on page 2/Revised Task 3: Action Analysis.

SWPC-17-008 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vicki Webster-Luthy, to approve the recommendation to accept the revised proposal from GBB.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

Discussion ensued regarding the information provided by GBB and the information GBB would provide going forward.

Chair Fisher requested staff schedule a conference call with GBB and have the sub-committee present.

Matt Flechter stated the information provided by GBB will give the County a jump start on updating the Solid Waste Plan.

Kathy Evans requested GBB define the tasks and deliverables.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Katie Venechuk – MDEQ General Updates and Grant Information

Katie Venechuk introduced herself. Katie Venechuk suggested the committee request GBB to include funding opportunities in the recycle study report. Katie Venechuk spoke on recycling grants in Michigan (attached). Katie Venechuk stated grant funding changes by year depending on the general fund appropriations. Katie Venechuk stated grants for 2018 will likely be for curbside recycling carts. Katie Venechuk stated funding and target projects will be announced in the fall. Sidney Shaw asked Katie Venechuk if it had to be carts. Katie Venechuk stated it does. Matt Flechter stated the reason for carts is due to the initiative to double recycling rates, increase access and increase the amount of materials sent to recycling facilities. Katie Venechuk and Matt Flechter stated there are also national partners who offer grants. Matt Flechter stated national partners are corporate sponsors.

Matt Flechter updated the committee on where they are at regarding statutory changes to the Solid Waste law. Discussion ensued. Sidney Shaw asked if our State Representative should be included. Matt Flechter stated it was very important to have them involved. Chair Fisher suggested meeting with Matt Flechter at a later date to further discuss this.

Kathy Evans asked if there were national partners interested in cardboard and glass. Matt Flechter stated it is not based on commodity.

B. Matt Flechter – MDEQ Market Development Update

Matt Flechter stated the value of recyclable materials as a whole is going up. Matt Flechter stated the exception is glass and mixed plastics. Matt Flechter spoke on national trends. Matt Flechter stated the need for stronger market development in Michigan using recycled materials.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

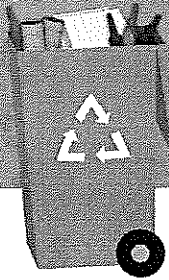
Chair Fisher reminded the committee of the next scheduled meeting on October 4th.

Chair Fisher requested Greg Leverage send committee members the instructions on how to renew their appointments to the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Planning Committee the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Jim Fisher, Chair



RECYCLING GRANTS in Michigan

POPULAR NATIONAL GRANTS

Coca Cola Bin Grant

Supports recycling in communities and on college and university campuses by providing bins to selected grant recipients for the collection of beverage container recyclables.

bingrant.org

Keep America Beautiful Grants and Awards

Partners with sponsors in the business community to provide significant grants to Keep America Beautiful affiliates that can be used for creating and expanding local programs.

www.kab.org

Crush It Crusade Recycling Grants

Helps organizations launch sustainable recycling programs. Each grant recipient receives \$500-\$5,000, a Crush it Crusade Starter Kit with ZeroHero Recycling Tents, and Waste Diversion and Recycling Training.

candaid.org/crush-it-crusade-grants

The Recycling Partnership

The Recycling Partnership leverages grants and technical assistance to transform the US curbside recycling system. Counties, municipalities, and solid waste authorities are eligible for funding for cart procurement and educational outreach.

recyclingpartnership.org

Foam Recycling Coalition's Grant Program

The Foam Recycling Coalition provides grants of \$15,000 to \$50,000 to public and private entities that operate a material recovery facility or manage residential curbside recycling programs, with the goal of increasing access to foam recycling opportunities.

www.fpi.org/foamrecyclinggrant

Walmart Foundation

Grants are awarded to non-profit, government, schools, and churches supporting a variety of project types, including sustainability initiatives. Community grants range from \$250-\$2,500.

giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving-guidelines

Partners for Places

A matching grant program which works to build partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. Grants range from \$25,000-\$150,000.

www.fundersnetwork.org/partnersforplaces

DEQ GRANTS

Community P2 Grants Program

Seeks to bring local government, businesses, planning agencies, and residents together to achieve measurable waste reductions of pollutants using innovative, sustainable pollution prevention practices.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant

Grants available for cleanup of abandoned scrap tires at collection sites, as well as for scrap tire collection at community cleanup days.

Scrap Tire Market Development Grant

Grants available to support the development of increased markets for scrap tires.

DEQ Recycling Grants

Grants available through the Governor's new recycling initiative to enhance existing recycling programs or establish new recycling programs in Michigan.

www.michigan.gov/mirecycles

To receive updates about DEQ grants, sign up for the "OEA Grant and Loan Opportunities" listserv. Sign up for DEQ listservs by clicking on the red envelope on the bottom border of DEQ web sites or using the QR code below.



SCHOOL RECYCLING GRANTS

Project Learning Tree

Offers grants for service-learning projects that improve schools or restore natural habitats.

www.plt.org

The NRAA School Recycling Club

Provides contests, challenges, and awards for classrooms of all ages to help promote recycling and sustainability practices.

www.schoolrecycling.net/grant-fundraiser-contest/contests-challenges-awards/

Captain Planet Foundation

Grants range from \$500-\$2,500 and are focused on supporting hands-on environmental education/projects for children and youths ages 6-18.

captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants

OTHER

Closed Loop Fund Loan Program

Provides 0% interest loans for municipalities and below-market interest loans to private companies to develop recycling infrastructure.

www.closedloopfund.com

Great Lake Protection Fund

Provides funding for ideas for action-oriented projects that will drive positive ecological change in the Great Lakes. Help teams test the application of new technologies, new approaches to governance, and new styles of leadership.

glpf.org

EPA Environmental Education (EE) Grants

Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$3.5 million in grant funding per year, supporting more than 3,600 grants.

www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants

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RESEARCHING GRANTS

Contact local entities in your area such as conservation groups, civic groups, tribal groups, community foundations, or local businesses for grants that may be available.

These websites may be useful in looking for other grants:

www.grants.gov

www.grantwatch.com

www.foundationcenter.org

www.michiganfoundations.org

michigan.grantwatch.com/cat/10/environment-grants.html

OTHER FUNDING METHODS

Visit the DEQ Recycling web site for information about other funding methods:

Guide: Operational and Funding Options for Municipal Recycling Programs

Guide: Use of Special Assessments to Fund Recycling Services & Facilities



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www.michigan.gov/mirecycle

