



Solid Waste Management Planning Committee Agenda

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, at 10:00 AM

Ottawa County Fillmore Administrative Office
12220 Fillmore St
West Olive, MI 49460
Conference Room F

1. **Call to order** : 10:01am
2. **Roll Call**-do not have a quorum
 - i. **Present:** Justin Obenmeyer, Kelly Goward, Tom Oonk, Stew Whitney, Ken Freestone, and Randy Kortering
 - ii. **Remote:** Matt Rosser, Kari Bliss, Russ Boersma, Becky Huttenga
 - iii. **Absent:** Benjamin Jordan, Dan Broersma, Jacob Bonnema
 - iv. **Staff:** Kim Wolters, Katelyn Ellis, Spencer Ballard, Zoey Hallam, Trista Boyd
3. **Approve Minutes from the [September 27th](#) meeting**- unable to vote due to no quorum
4. **Public Comment:** no comment
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. November and December Meeting Dates
 - i. Current date:
 1. November 22nd at 10am
 2. December 27th at 10 am
 - ii. Proposed date based on response: new dates agreed upon by general consensus
 1. **November 15th at 10 am**
 2. **December 13th at 10 am**
 - B. [Letter from SWPC to BOC](#)-
 - i. Additional comments/required changes
 1. Task Force: Becky, Russ, Randy, Dan
 - a. Answered questions from other members about letter
 2. Planned to leave resolution out of initial letter to BOC
 3. Couple members proposed word change in a couple places in letter
 - a. No objections-via consensus- plan on updating the letter
 4. Kim touched base on where EGLE is currently at in the process of releasing a draft
 - ii. Part 115 Task Force suggestion for next step
 1. Can't vote and approve the letter at this time, general consensus was reached to move forward in submitting a draft to the Planning and Policy Board
 - a. Will request to be on the Nov 7th meeting
 2. Discussed how the committee would respond if BOC wants to work with other counties?
 - a. Kim addressed questions from members
 - b. Kim will reach out to Commissioner Bonnema to update him on current plan of action to move forward

C. SWPC to MMPC Discussion/Planning

i. Current Seats vs New Seats

1. Members will have to reapply to be on the committee
2. Regional Planning Agency might have a seat
3. Have 180 days to have new committee established

ii. Transition period-unsure of what this transition will look like exactly

1. Discussed having new potential members come as public in order to get caught up on what is going on
2. Ideal plan is to have everyone to stay up until the new committee takes over
3. Will it be this committee or a task force that decides who will fill each role?
 - a. Would like to talk more about that at Nov. SWPC meeting
 - b. Discussed talking to EGLE about whether an alternative designated person can take a required person's place

D. Actions required if BOC doesn't accept to be CAA

i. BOC still has actions they have to make if they don't want to be CAA

ii. Potential other Planning Orgs/Agencys:

1. Municipalities Contact - If BOC decides not to accept CAA it will be offered to the municipalities
 - a. Municipalities have 30 days to accept and create a committee
 - i. All municipalities have to agree to be a part of the committee
 - ii. Current members don't believe municipalities will be able to come to an agreement
2. Regional Planning Agency-not sure they have the capacity
3. EGLE-county would no longer have a voice if EGLE took over plan

iii. What does the Current SWPC think/do?

1. Have an argument prepared in case BOC push back on being the CAA

E. Environmental Sustainability Program Update

i. EGLE Infrastructure Grant-planning to submit this Friday 10/27/2023

ii. Contracts-aren't negotiated yet-can't prove ongoing operational costs

1. Budget for the program for 2025 is in question

6. Action Items:

A. Approve updated November and December Updated Dates

- i. November 15th at 10 am
- ii. December 13th at 10 am

B. Approve Letter from SWPC to BOC

C. Approve Letter to be submitted to the Planning and Policy Committee for discussion for November-consensus was met to move forward with letter once it is updated

7. Additional Items:

A. Items from the Committee? -no items

B. Next scheduled meeting is on November 15th at 10 am Room TBD (Fillmore/James St)

8. Public Comment: no comment

9. Adjournment: 11:29am adjourned