

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Barry-Eaton District Health Department
330 W. Woodlawn Ave, Hastings, MI

Approved Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Frank Fiala called the meeting of the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Frank Fiala
Regina Young
Sarah Nelson
Duane Weeks
Jim Brown
Tom Rook

Members Absent:

Ben Geiger
Jodi Trantham
Steve Essling
Jerry Czarnecki
Stuart Brent Cowan

Members of the Public:

Jerrie Fiala
Sarah Archer
Kamran Pishercy

Approval of Agenda

Per Chairman Fiala, he would like to make a modifications to the agenda regarding item #6 to review the committee bylaws and rules of procedure as that was something he had in mind to change the quorum possibility and we (the committee) basically agreed not to do that at this time so that can be removed from the agenda. **Motion to remove item #6 review committee bylaws and rules of procedure from the agenda as suggested and add to the agenda to review the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) advertisement (add after the Recycling Coordinator Program Report) made by Regina Young, seconded by Sarah Nelson and revised agenda approved by a unanimous vote.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 8th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tom Rook, seconded by Duane Weeks and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Fiala stated that we should be thinking about the kind of things we can include in Sarah Archer's report with the end of her contract being near and begin to talk about how we move forward from here.

Election of Officers

Per Chairman Fiala, we need a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and a Treasurer. Jeff Mansfield will be leaving us soon and he has stated that he will be willing to work with Jerry Czarnecki who will take over as acting Treasurer. Duane Weeks stated that he feels supportive of keeping the Officers the same with one concern that he thinks we should speak with Jerry Czarnecki directly to make sure that he feels that he is able to take on that position with the time and energy to give it the attention that would be needed. Jim Brown agreed with this and in the situation that Jerry Czarnecki expresses that he would not be able to fill this position to its full potential he would then be able to back out at that time. Chairman Fiala stated that he did send Jerry Czarnecki an email this morning to that affect and he just responded to say that he would not be able to attend the meeting this morning.

Election of Officers (Continued)

So, Chairman Fiala stated that he thinks we should go ahead and assign him the Treasurer position and if it turns out that he does not wish to fill this position then we can fix that at a later date. **Motion to have Jerry Czarnecki serve as the Treasurer of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee made by Regina Young, seconded by Tom Rook and approved by a unanimous vote. Motion to have Frank Fiala serve as the Chairman of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee made by Tom Rook, seconded by Regina Young and approved by a unanimous vote. Motion to have Regina Young serve as the Secretary of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee made by Duane Weeks, seconded by Tom Rook and approved by a unanimous vote. Motion to have Tom Rook serve as the Vice Chair of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee made by Frank Fiala, seconded by Regina Young and approved by a unanimous vote.**

Printing of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Guide

Chairman Fiala stated that at the last meeting Sarah Archer stated that the Recycling & Hazardous Waste Guide is ready to be printed and that it would probably just be easier for her to handle this since she and Saundra Porter-Riley have been the ones working on it. Sarah Archer did provide a sample copy for the committee to look at so they can let her know if there are any issues and/or concerns that need to be addressed before printing. The Recycling & Hazardous Waste Guide is also on the website now and changes on the website will be able to be made as needed. Sarah Archer recommended that if the committee does go to print with this that there be something that says you should verify with the company that they are still accepting the materials listed and to also check the website for the most current version of the guide. Chairman Fiala recommended that we have one (1) or two (2) boxes printed to have on hand to distribute as well as have it available on the website.

Sara Nelson suggested that we set up a meeting with Fred Jacobs (owner of Printing Plus) and let him see the guide, let him know what are goals are and may be see what he suggests since that is his entire career and his business is reaching out to folks locally so maybe he could work out some combination. Duane Weeks stated that if you can coordinate those two between something coming out in The Reminder and the actual printed hard copies of the guide coming out we may be able to get more of them out into peoples' hands that would use them. Chairman Fiala asked Sarah Nelson if she would be willing to contact Fred Jacobs and set up a meeting to discuss this and Sarah agreed.

Recycling Coordinator Program Report

Sarah Archer stated that they did put the information regarding the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event on the website and are also updating the website with other events as they learn about them. Again, Saundra is also working on taking this Recycling & Hazardous Waste Guide and breaking it out by material type so it is easier to locate things. She stated that she had the intentions of doing an article in The Banner every month and she had a bit of challenge getting in contact with her previous contact as he is no longer working there. She was finally able to make contact with Michelle at The Banner, who was also at the Hastings Rotary meeting that Sarah did a presentation at so she will be working on an article regarding that.

As you know a Recycling Forum was held on February 28th, 2019 and Sarah Archer wanted to thank Duane Weeks for talking about the single hauler in Middleville. She was very pleased with the turn out as there were 28 people in attendance including 10 (ten) of the municipalities/local units of government represented. They did put out the Resolution and she will be emailing that to everyone as part of the follow-up. She just got the minutes and notes completed from the meeting so she will be sending the summary notes out to those that were in attendance along with the draft Resolution and ask them to move forward with taking that Resolution to their Boards and/or Councils to show support with our effort in advancing recycling in Barry County. The timeline that she has in mind is that again they would take this into their April meetings and hopefully would be able to get something back to her by the end of April and that way she would be able to bring a summary back to this committee sometime in May to

Recycling Coordinator Program Report (Continued)

say we have received this many Resolutions turned in and also include that as she starts to develop the draft final recommendations report.

Sarah Archer stated that for her that forum was a key piece of our next steps. She does think that some of her previous recommendations and/or options that she had talked about are similar to what Chairman Fiala is suggesting is to break it out into those kind of natural geographic groups and communities that we know have some either boundaries, joint boundaries or current working relationships on other projects to see if we can help them create something a little bit more cost effective and sustainable. As part of the final recommendations, she would also like to be including some recommendations for moving forward with Public Education. She has attended a number of public events lately including the Faces of Conservation and the Intersection of the Environment and Politics Conference, and she has the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Barry County Science Fest coming up. At these types of events, there are always people very interested in knowing about what is happening and are glad to see that something is actually happening.

Per Jim Brown, he would rather not use the words authority or committee but rather use the word alliance as = hate the word authority and the sooner we get rid of the word authority out of our talking points to the general public the better off we will be. In his mind, he has personally talked to every supervisor that has something going on in "material recovery" because it is not recycling per se and the idea at that time was to get those townships together with a recycling alliance and sit down to figure out what we we're doing collectively as well as at least one (1) thing we could do together and then go from there; that is how he sees this thing possibly going forward.

Sarah Archer wanted to remind everyone that the amendments to the Solid Waste Laws are still expected to have a sponsor and be put into action, so that those amendments can be made to the Solid Waste Planning Laws here in Michigan and that is going to put responsibility on the counties to basically update or rewrite their Materials Management Plan. So, it is again going to require the counties as the designated planning agencies to have a plan for the management of their materials that are generated in this county. So whether the Board of Commissioners like it or not, there is going to be that responsibility that they have to provide a plan back to the State within three (3) years. Once that legislation passes there will be a call to all counties to create new Materials Management Plans and they have all the guidelines laid out for what the group is going to look like that comes together, but again it will require representation from the elected officials of the County.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Advertisement

Motion to advertise the Household Hazardous Waste May 4th, 2019 Collection event in The Reminder and The Banner made by Duane Weeks, seconded by Tom Rooks and approved by a unanimous vote.

Member Comments

Regina Young – we are one of the participating members for the Eaton County Tire Grant and our next step is to get the County Board Chair to sign the Memorandum because Eaton County is the fiduciary; it is essentially how they agree to pay for their stuff and if there is any over additional cost above and beyond of what the collection does, the county would be responsible for it through the Solid Waste Fund. We figure on doing the staffing of the event in a way that we would ordinarily do the staffing.

Sarah Nelson – none.

Duane Weeks – their single waste hauler contract is looking to be renewed and that was moved through the Committee of the Whole, so it will be going to the Counsel this next week for consideration and his expectation is that it will be approved.

Member Comments (Continued)

Jim Brown – the minutes of these meetings and a roster of the people that are on this committee are not available on the County website and he feels that this information should be posted on there.

Tom Rook – none.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Frank Fiala at 10:05 a.m.

Approved at the 04-12--2019 meeting

BARRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

BARRY-EATON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HASTINGS MI

SIGN-IN

MARCH 8TH, 2019

NAME

- 1. Regina Young
- 2. FRANK FIALA
- 3. JERRIE FIALA
- 4. Sarah Nelson
- 5. Deane Weeks
- 6. JIM BROWN
- 7. Tom Pool
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

EXCUSED

- 1. _____
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GUEST

- 1. Sarah Archer
- 2. Kamran Pisher
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

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AGENDA

MARCH 8TH, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**
- 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- 7. PRINTING OF RECYCLING AND HARZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE**
- 8. RECYCLING COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORT**
- 9. HOUSEHOLD HAZAROUS WASTE ADVERTISEMENT**
- 10. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Barry County SWOC
Recycling Program Report – March 4, 2019
Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.**

The following is a summary of activity during February 2019

Phase 2 – Early Implementation Phase – January - June 2018

Activity 4 – Webpage Development and Content Management

Suggested changes to website

Added

- Community events information to News and Events page. Included HHW dates and events where Barry County Recycles will have a presence.
- Updated the Household Hazardous Waste page with the HHW dates. Will add flier when it is available.

In Progress

- 2GO Zero Guide (Quick Reference Guide) – breaking down by material to add to specific pages on website

Activity 5 – Develop a Low/No Budget Education and Marketing Plan

- Made contact with Hastings Banner re: recycling article submission

Phase 3 – Secondary Implementation Phase – July 2018 - June 2019

Activities 1-3 – Research similar programs, strategies, collaborations and funding sources to support recycling and waste diversion in Barry County

- Recycling Forum Held Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Location – Hastings Charter Township Hall, 885 River Road, Hastings
 - Objective – To bring together local units of government and provide an update on the current state of recycling in Barry County and have a facilitated open discussion about opportunities that lie ahead to improve recycling and resource recovery.
 - Facilitation by Sarah Archer
 - Village of Middleville single-hauler contract model presented by Duane Weeks, Village Manager
 - Total in attendance: 28 (includes Iris Staff)
 - Total Local Units of Government represented: 10
 - Resolution of Support provided to local units
- Next Steps
 - Report/Recommendations to SWOC – May meeting

Public Education

- Faces of Conservation Event – Friday, February 22 – Walldorff Banquet Center
- Intersection of the Environment & Politics Conference – Saturday, February 23 – Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Other

- Discuss the production of a print version of 2GO Zero Guide (Quick Reference Guide)