

# SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE



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## Meeting Location

301 N. Main St – Adrian, MI 49221

**Minutes:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

## Members in Attendance:

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| ✓ Jim Goetz (Co Comm) 12/22 - Chair        | ✓ Kasee Johnson (Health Field) 12/23      |
| A John Tuckerman (At Large) 12/22 - VChair | A Vacant (Outlying Community) 12/24       |
| ✓ Greg Elliott (City of Adrian) 12/22      | ✓ Jim Palmer (Twp. Official) 12/24        |
| ✓ Jim May (Solid Waste Industry) 12/23     | A Keeley Pape (Environmental Group) 12/24 |
| ✓ Dan Swallow (City of Tecumseh) 12/23     |   |

**Also Present:** Becky Borton, Martin Marshall, and Keith Chapman

J. Goetz opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### I. Election of Officers

The floor was opened for nominations of Chair.

*J. Palmer nominated J. Goetz to continue serving as Chair and J. Tuckerman as Vice Chair, seconded by K Johnson. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.*

### II. Consent Agenda

**A. Approve Minutes:** No comments were made on December 2021 meeting minutes

**B. Finance Report:** The finance report was available.

**C. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs:** A total of 54,350 tons of material was collected in Lenawee County in 2021.

**County-wide Recycling:** A total of 15,739 ton of recycling materials were reported in 2021; of this total 1,924 ton was residential recycling.

**D. Recycling & Drop Off Site (DOS):** A total of 459 tons of materials were collected in 2021; there was one contaminated load. RISI rebate varied from \$45 to \$115 throughout the year. Cardboard shipping weights averaged 6.04 ton, while the rigids average around 4.57 ton. The average cost for processing and shipping was about \$4,000 a month.

*Motion by G. Elliott, seconded by J. Palmer, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.*

### III. Discussion Items

#### A. **Materials Management Engagement Grants:** A Michigan Materials Management Planning Workgroup has been initiated by EGLE.

Solid Waste Management Plans are outdated, and Counties will soon be transitioning to Materials Management Plans. Part 115 Revisions have passed the House and are in the Senate. There is no timeline for when/if these revisions will pass the House. The revisions mainly focus on updating Solid Waste Plans to have more of a materials management focus with community/county collaboration.

The current Solid Waste Plan ensures adequate disposal capacity for all solid waste for a 10-year period, controls siting areas, preempts local regulation of disposal areas to the extent allowed by DEQ-approved County Plan, and defines the roles of county governments in plan implementation & enforcement, and is an enforceable mechanism. It also includes feasibility of recycling/composting and other diversion programs and controls imports and exports of solid waste for disposal between counties.

The proposed Materials Management Plan will identify all materials management facilities & capacities, focus on utilization capacity, promote regional planning, develop goals, provide avenue for siting of NEW facilities, no import/export authorization requirement.

#### B. **Program Coordinator's Report:** B. Borton reviewed the coordinator's report.

**EGLE Infrastructure Grant:** The new compactor is expected to be installed early spring of 2022.

**Community Collection Date:** A spring community collection is set for Saturday, May 14, 2022. The scrap tire grant application has been submitted (approval pending) and the fairgrounds are available. DART Container will provide a truck for styrofoams, BatteryWholesale will be returning, and Goodwill Industries will be collecting documents for secure shredding.

**Community Outreach:** There were no updates on the Ag Container, tractor tire, or HHW Collection events. Goodwill plans to hold quarterly electronic collection events with the first one set for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2022 License Applications:** There were a total of 7 commercial waste hauler applications submitted/approved.

**Materials Management / SEMCOG:** The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is offering grant funds up to \$12,000 to help counties transition from solid waste management to materials management. The MMCE grants are intended to encourage counties and regions to begin thinking about materials management, instead of solid waste management, in preparation for changes in the Part 115 amendments and/or a plan update. The goal is to create partnerships within regions and counties, understand current materials

management gaps, and highlight future changes to the planning process.

This grant is not intended to create regional plans, just open discussions within regions and prepare for transitions.

The County must designate a representative responsible for completing a Grant Agreement request to EGLE, and a Designated Planning Agency (DPA) may act as the responsible party for completing the activities.

The South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) has offered to include Lenawee County in the regional planning efforts. They can offer guidance, oversight, consistency, and collaboration.

A draft resolution was reviewed.

*Motion by D. Swallow, seconded by J. Palmer, to recommend designating Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) as the Planning Agency for the duration of the Materials Management County Engagement Grant. Motion CARRIED.*

**2022 Calendar:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

March 2	July 6	November 2
April 6	August 3	December 7
May 4	September 7	
June 1	October 5	

The June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held at Goodwill Industries.

**IV. Other Business:** There was no other business.

**V. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**VI. Adjournment**

*Motion by J. Palmer, G. Elliott seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried.*

**The next Solid Waste Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.**