

# SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Meeting Location  
via ZOOM

**Minutes:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021

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## 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 | √ Jim Palmer (Outlying Community) 12/24   |
| √ Greg Elliott (City of Adrian) 12/22      | √ Leo Oswald (Twp. Official) 12/24        |
| A Jim May (Solid Waste Industry) 12/23     | √ Keeley Pape (Environmental Group) 12/24 |
| A Dan Swallow (City of Tecumseh) 12/23     |   |

**Also Present:** Becky Borton, Program Coordinator

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

## I. Introductions

## II. Consent Agenda

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

**B. Finance Report:** All County allocations have been received, donations collected at tire event, pending tire grant reimbursement and a budget amendment reflecting the 2021 DOS upgrade grant may or may not be made yet this year; but will be reflected as 2021 revenue.

Overall expenses are at 71% (benchmark at this time 75%).

**C. Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs:** There was a total of 4,665 tons of materials collected in Lenawee County and transport to a landfill. Modern Waste has yet to report August numbers, but June and July numbers have been reported.

**County-wide Recycling:** There was a total of 1270.01 tons of materials collected for recycling; of this total 157.56 tons was residential.

**D. Recycling DOS Reports:** .

In the month of August, the RISI Rebate covered the cost of cardboard processing. It costs less than \$3 to recycle the paper/cardboard (\$85.11 to process/\$110 RISI); we still incurred the cost of hauling, but the processing was covered.

*Motion by J. Palmer, seconded by K. Johnson, to approve the consent agenda with the amended minutes. Motion carried.*

### III. Discussion Items

- A. EGLE Infrastructure Grant / DOS Upgrade:** The new compactor has been ordered. Signs will be designed and ordered soon.
- B. Fall Tire Collection Date:** Traffic seemed light, but 1,399 tires and 540 lbs of styrofoam were collected. GreenJak and Battery Wholesale did not report their totals but seemed pleased with their collections.

A recommendation to share the donation collections with Adrian Township Fire Department and Maurice Spear Campus was considered.

*Motion by L. Oswald, J. Palmer seconded, to authorize paying Maurice Spear Campus \$400 and Adrian Township Fire Department \$400 for the tire collection services; contingent upon receipt of grant reimbursements.*

*There was discussion on the number of participants and hours worked by both organizations.*

*The original motion was rescinded.*

*Motion by J. Palmer, seconded L. Oswald, to authorize paying Maurice Spear Campus \$750 and Adrian Township Fire Department \$250 for tire collection services; contingent upon receipt of grant reimbursements. Motion carried.*

- C. HHW Collection Event:** Traffic also seemed a light; Chris Goeloe will be attending an upcoming meeting to update the Committee.
- D. Electronics / Television Collection Events:** Nothing to report; but the Committee would like more information on holding a TV collection event yet this year.
- E. Drop Off Site:** The cardboard RISI rebate has been continually rising. Last year at this time there was \$0 rebate and it is currently at \$115 a ton.

Heavy users of the drop off site may be schools, businesses, and after Christmas users. There was discussion on how to better prepare for or handle these users.

- F. Community Outreach:** A letter may be sent out to local universities, colleges, and businesses to opening recycling efforts dialogue.
- G. 2022 Budget:** The 2022 budget was submitted to the Administrator's Office and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners next week. The target budget for the Solid Waste Program was set at \$60,000; which has remained the same for many years. As costs of services, utilities, and basic expenses continue to climb; there will be additional challenges to face.

**H. 2022 License Applications:** The 2022 waste hauler license applications will be mailed out to the current haulers later this month.

**I. Meeting Calendar:** Solid Waste Coordinating Committee meets at 10:00 am:  
November 3, 2021                      December 1, 2021

2022 Meeting Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 10:00 am

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

**IV. Other Business:**

Keeley Pape reported that the Ag container collection accepted approximately 500-600 jugs and 40-55 gallon barrels and she will continue to work with local businesses to continue the collection event next year.

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

**VI. Adjournment**

*Motion by J. Palmer, G. Elliott seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Motion carried.*

**The next Solid Waste Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for  
WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**