

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

10/19/2020; 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Simmons, Perry, Weirich, DiPietro, Nicholls, Fordice, Akers, Auth

Members Absent: Stanfield

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Maciejewski, Weir

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present – DiPietro is attending remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, MI

Pittsfield Township: Present - Weirich is attending remotely from Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, MI

Scio Township: Present – Auth is attending remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI Washtenaw, MI; Perry (alternate) is attending remotely Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI

Ypsilanti Township: Not present

City of Dexter: Present – Nicholls is attending remotely from the City of Dexter, Washtenaw County, MI

City of Saline: Present – Fordice is attending remotely from Norman, Cleveland County, OK

City of Ypsilanti: Present – Akers is attending remotely from the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI; Simmons (alternate) is attending remotely from the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI

Public Comment

Weir introduced himself as staff from the Office of Debbie Dingell. He is listening for community updates on recycling and waste.

Approval of agenda for 10/19 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without correction moved by Auth, seconded by Fordice. Roll call vote: Yes (6) Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

9/21/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

Fordice noted a typo to change for consistency, the motion for agenda approval moved by DiPietro was noted as moved by Ann Arbor. Motion to approve as amended moved by Auth, seconded by Weirich. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Discussion: WRRMA Strategic Outline

Davis recalled early WRRMA discussions on consistent messaging between communities to increase quality and quantity of recyclables, as well as an original WRRMA goal of achieving better rates through group contracting.

DiPietro, Weirich, Auth, Nicholls, and Fordice expressed agreement toward these goals. Fordice wanted to ensure a statement also includes longer-term goals related to drop-off stations (DOS) and a local MRF. Based on previous comments from a City of Ypsilanti union leader, Simmons stated the goals related to marketing WRRMA's recyclables together should be worded in a way that includes opportunities for continued union labor.

Auth left at 1:28 PM; Perry continued as representative for Scio Township.

DiPietro, Fordice, Davis, and Eggermont discussed adding language that conveys potential for future efforts, such as monitoring and supporting efforts for additional infrastructure. Akers and Simmons noted

drop-off stations are high priority for the City of Ypsilanti, due to the short-term sustainability of the current center.

Davis and Eggermont will work together to further refine the plan and incorporate feedback.

New Business

Approval of Invoices

The current invoice is for reimbursement to the County, which has been paying for Davis' services up to September. A roll call vote is required to approve, and both Akers and DiPietro will have to sign as per WRRMA's articles. The Board discussed and agreed for invoices moving forward, WRRMA will authorize prior to payment. In the case of a potential late payment fee for outstanding invoices, such as if a quorum is unavailable or a meeting is cancelled, the WRRMA Chair and Secretary/Treasurer (Akers and DiPietro) will review and approve the County to pay prior to WRRMA Board authorization if necessary.

Perry inquired if it is customary for Davis to be paid for an engagement letter and presentation. Davis volunteered to remove that time as in usual circumstances these items are to solicit the work prior to approval. Davis agreed to lengthen the time period of payment that receives a 5% discount to 60 days, due to the time requirement of public sector meetings. Eggermont requested the reimbursement as credit to use on a future bill for ease of handling.

Motion to approve the submitted invoices for Davis' work through the end of August, contingent upon the removal of fees for the legal agreement, and movement to approve September invoice from Davis with a reimbursement of 5% assuming payment is received in 60 days moved by DiPietro, seconded by Perry. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

The Board tabled the review of County staff labor invoices. Motion to postpone County staff invoices until November moved by Fordice, seconded by Perry. Roll call vote: Yes (6). Motion carries.

Reports

At the Michigan Recycling Coalition virtual conference, Eggermont learned Part 115 had less than a 50% chance of being passed. Since nothing has happened since then, Eggermont believes it is likely not to pass this year.

Eggermont reported Recycle Ann Arbor inquired if WRRMA is interested regular updates of the MRF re-equipping. Eggermont reached out to GFL, but they are unable to attend the next meeting due to the current merger.

Nicholls is moving on from her position with the City of Dexter and inquired about the outstanding WRRMA payment. Breyer is the current alternate.

Next Steps

Eggermont will contact WRRMA Board Members to determine if they would like Eggermont to present to their boards or if the WRRMA representatives would like to present themselves.

2nd round Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Perry, seconded by DiPietro. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: *Della DiPietro*
Della DiPietro (Nov 17, 2020 14:52 EST)
Secretary

Minutes approved by: *Ronald A. Akers*
Ronald A. Akers (Nov 19, 2020 19:32 EST)
Chair









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