

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

11/21/2022; 11:00 AM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center
4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Auth, Hoffmeister, Best, Sirls, Tanghe, DiPietro, Mason, Wessler

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Porta

Attorney:

Members of the public present: Brian Conaway, Chantell LaForest

Best called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro

Pittsfield Township: Present/Best

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Present/Hoffmeister

City of Dexter: Present/Tanghe

City of Saline: Present/Sirls

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Wessler

City of Ann Arbor: Present/Mason

Approval of agenda for 11/21 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without amendment moved by DiPietro, seconded by Wessler. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

10/17/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

Auth indicated a correction in the RFP Discussion second paragraph, first sentence to replace "wording of the RFP" with "nature and wording of the concept of regional collaboration of services". Auth requested the addition of "and because a collaborative contract may lead to negative financial consequences to Scio Township residents" in the RFP Discussion second paragraph, third sentence after "GFL".

Motion to approve with amendment moved by Wessler, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

RFP Discussion:

Best shared that the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees had a working session where Davis presented about the RFP and the benefits of a collaborative contract. Best noted that we are still waiting on the updated memo from Davis. Sirls shared that the City of Saline council is currently split about whether they want to do a collaborative contract or contract services on their own. Sirls noted that the council's discussions and decision are primarily based on whichever option will get better pricing. Tanghe shared that City of Dexter has two new council members, and he would like Davis to present to the council about the RFP to help them determine if they want to pursue the collaborative contract. Hoffmeister would also like a presentation to the Ypsilanti Township board.

Best pointed out that when WRRMA was formed the long-term goal was the collaborative contracting. DiPietro and Auth shared that their understanding of the main goal and focus of WRRMA when it formed was to improve recycling and that the collaborative contracting was not discussed from the beginning. Best responded that the initial push was on curbside recycling because that was something that all communities were ready to work on, however the collaborative contracting is a next step that WRRMA communities could take in their collaboration of managing solid waste. Best noted that WRRMA can choose to focus on recycling but also pointed out that in the WRRMA bylaws "materials management shall mean the management including the collection of municipal solid waste, organics, yard waste, and recyclables". Best encouraged the communities that may want to participate in a collaborative contract and that want presentations to email Davis to set up a time soon.

Grant Updates:

Porta shared that the postcards with the survey link were sent out and there has been an increase in calls to the WRRMA hotline and inquires through the WRRMA website form.

New Business

Invoices

Motion to approve the Foresight invoice for \$7,039.31 moved by Wessler. Seconded by Sirls. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the Davis invoice for \$2,212.50 invoice moved by Wessler. Seconded by Sirls. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

Hoffmeister shared that the curbside recycling cart distribution in Ypsilanti Township has been completed and that Waste Management was very helpful in the process.

DiPietro added that Ann Arbor Township's recent experience with switching to Waste Management has been a smooth transition and they are very impressed with the new service.

Next Steps

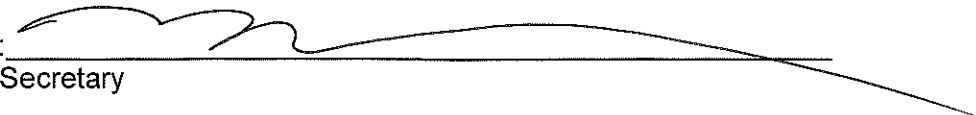
City of Dexter and Ypsilanti Township will contact Davis to set up presentations with their boards. Porta will follow up with Davis about the updated RFP memo.


Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

Brian Conaway shared that however the process goes with the collaborative RFP, one of Waste Management's main goals is that it doesn't interrupt the current services and relationships they have with communities in WRRMA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Wessler, seconded by Tanghe. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Minutes prepared by Angela Porta

Minutes approved by: 
Secretary

Minutes approved by: 
Chair