

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

2/24/2020; 1:00 PM

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

Members Present: Weirich (Pittsfield Charter Township), Auth (Scio Township), Fordice (City of Saline), Nicholls (City of Dexter), Akers (City of Ypsilanti), Perry (Scio Township), Simmons (City of Ypsilanti), DiPietro (Ann Arbor Township)

Members Absent: Stanfield

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Naples

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro

Pittsfield Township: Present/Weirich

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Absent

City of Dexter: Present/Nicholls

City of Saline: Present/Fordice

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

Public Comment

None

Approval of agenda for 2/24 meeting

- Eggermont would like to add a resolution discussion concerning labor under new business
- Motion to approve adding the above to the agenda moved by Weirich, seconded by DiPietro. All in favor.
- Motion to approve 2/24 agenda as amended moved by DiPietro, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

1/27/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

- DiPietro to be added under members present.
- Motion to approve as amended moved by Auth, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Unfinished Business: Approval of Bylaws

- Auth and Davis have worked to finalize bylaws since they were last discussed.
- Eggermont asked Davis if, in Section 5, a special meeting can be called by fewer members than the number listed in articles. Davis clarifies that the bylaws need to follow the articles of incorporation. Bylaws presented in packet are same as articles.
- Motion to approve moved by DiPietro, seconded by Weirich. All in favor.

New Business

Updated Member list

- An updated list was provided to the Board.

- Motion to receive and file moved by Fordice, seconded by DiPietro. All in favor.

Updates on TRP Grant

- Eggermont shared new that the Plan Implementation Advisory Committee, which works to advise the Board of Public Works on achieving the goals of the County's solid waste plan, recommended approval of a proposal for a sponsorship to make our application more competitive for \$7,500. The Board of Public Works will now take action to approve/deny the funding.
- DiPietro's council in Ann Arbor Township has programmatic concerns, including the appearance of the government looking at people's recycling, the feasibility of recycling in general, and the possibility of an opt-in for the program. The board discussed tactics to explain the benefit of increased recycling quality and shared anecdotes from their municipalities. Davis was recently able to secure an 11% increase in commodity prices for cardboard, and a 7% increase for paper.
- Eggermont suggested moving forward with applying for the grant without Ann Arbor Township's inclusion, so EGLE and The Recycling Partnership can get the correct household numbers. Ann Arbor Township could be included later if funding can be provided from WRRMA, other grants, or other sources. This would total approximately \$5,000 based on estimated household numbers.
- This would total about \$5,000, the township could also match this funding. Eggermont proposes it would improve our application to say the members approved funding the program for the remaining township.
- Motion to exclude Ann Arbor Township from the grant application and, pending later approval of participation, to commit funds from WRRMA should it not be provided elsewhere for Ann Arbor Township's completion of the program. Moved by DiPietro, seconded by Weirich. Roll call vote: Yes (5 – DiPietro, Weirich, Nicholls, Fordice, Akers), No (1 - Auth), Absent (1 - Stanfield)
- Perry explained that Scio will vote this week to approve GFL as the only hauler in the township. Because Scio is not a party in the recycling contracts between residents and GFL, they do not feel they can intervene and request cart rejection. Eggermont will include language indicating willingness to reject from GFL directly in their letter of support for the application.
- Perry inquired about reviewing an application draft. Due to the pending deadline and vast amount of time consumed by editing documents via committee, Eggermont will not circulate a draft of the grant application, but will send Ann Arbor Township and Scio Township the portions which pertain to them for review.

Labor Discussion

- Eggermont is looking to have WRRMA approve a resolution similar to a non-displacement or portability clause to address concerns from labor. This would make easier for new members to join and ease a concern of a current member. Eggermont proposes that Davis draft a resolution with a portability clause. Davis explains it can also be looked at as a non-displacement clause. WRRMA is a long way away from having any labor force. Davis proposes to ask and work with the city of Ann Arbor what kind of language they are looking for in a resolution like this. Simmons reiterates that the City of Ypsilanti union lead are also looking for this information.
- Motion to table until provided with more information from Davis moved by Nicholls, seconded by Fordice. All in favor.

Reports

- Eggermont informed that Westland is looking to pass a solid waste millage and potentially join WRRMA at a future date, if their millage passes. The Canton supervisor may be interested as well.
- Perry is interested in starting to plan another MRF visit, suggests WWRA.

Next Steps

None

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items*

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: Della DiPietro
Secretary

Minutes approved by: Ronald Akers
Chair

Signature: *Della DiPietro*
Della DiPietro (Apr 20, 2020)

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