

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

2/26/2024; 11:00 AM

Washtenaw County Service Center
705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: Sirls, Auth, Best, Mason, Tanghe, Hines, Wessler

Members Absent: Colvin-Garcia

Staff Present: Eggermont, Wright

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Paul Ruthenberg (Priority Waste), Mark Perry (Scio Township), Bryan Ukena (Recycle Ann Arbor)

Best called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Absent/Colvin-Garcia

Pittsfield Township: Present/Best

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Present/Hines

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 2/26/2024 meeting

Motion to approve agenda without amendment moved by Hines, seconded by Mason. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

1/22/2024 Meeting Minutes Approval

Auth suggested an amendment on page 2 after "Best detailed for next steps" to change first names to last names. Motion to approve with the amendment moved by Sirls, seconded by Auth. All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Best shared that bids were received by Waste Management (WM), Priority Waste (PW), Stevens Disposal, and Titan and that the scoring committee met to review their scores to narrow down to two bidders to conduct interviews with. Best explained the process used to review and compare the bids that considered price and additional content in the bid such as technology, exceptions, financial capability, and references.

Auth asked for clarification about the agenda's Closed Session under 15.268H. Davis responded that the opinion letter he previously provided to WRRMA regarding discussions about contract negotiations falls within this and can be the subject of a closed session. After further discussion, the board decided to forego the closed session and the present bidders respectfully left the room.

Wessler arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Best reviewed the questions asked at both interviews and noted that each company was given an opportunity at the beginning of the interview to speak freely and expand on any items they wanted to. The board members who participated in the interviews shared highlights from the interviews that impacted their decision on which bidder to recommend. Best expanded on the

interview committee's comments and indicated that the committee came to a consensus to recommend WRRMA move forward with negotiations with PW. The board discussed considerations including pricing, financial stability, customer service, and technology.

Davis explained the communications that were sent to Titan and Stevens Disposal regarding the next steps and added that whichever bidder WRRMA does not choose to negotiate with at this time will also be sent communication informing them of the current direction. Auth requested to see the letters and the scoring sheet from the bids.

Motion to move forward with contract negotiations with Priority Waste moved by Hines, seconded by Wessler. Mason suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to be more specific by adding "using the model contract terms as it relates to the WRRMA RFP for Curbside Collections of Trash, Recyclables, and Yard Waste". Hines accepted the suggested change.

Upon a vote to enter negotiations with Priority Waste using the model contract terms as it relates to the WRRMA RFP for Curbside Collections of Trash, Recyclables, and Yard Waste, the vote was:

YES: Best, Tanghe, Auth, Mason, Hines, Sirls, Wessler

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passes.

Staffing Discussion

Best noted that while none of the bidders entertained the rebate for the timely payment, it will be addressed again in negotiations. Best further explained that if WRRMA does not get the rebate, another funding model will need to be determined. Auth asked who will be participating in the negotiations. Davis responded he will do the first round and come back to WRRMA, then have some members join in the next session.

Sirls confirmed that Saline staff can work with the new hauler while it is just their community and will be tracking hours for reimbursement. Auth suggested a temporary contract between WRRMA and Saline. With Ypsilanti joining in September, Eggermont asked Wessler if Ypsilanti would be willing to do the same thing as Saline by staffing their own community's needs until WRRMA hires staff.

Hines inquired about timing for pledging waste to WRRMA. Davis responded that all communities need to pledge their waste to WRRMA and get agreements in place to execute the contract by July for Saline to start services.

New Business

Approval of Washtenaw County to apply for sponsorship

Eggermont recalled the discussion at the last meeting regarding WRRMA having upcoming expenditures without incoming cash flow and asked for approval to apply for a \$25,000 Waste Reduction Sponsorship on behalf of WRRMA for future staff support expenditures related to the hauling contract.

Motion to approve Washtenaw County to apply for a Waste Reduction Sponsorship on behalf of WRRMA moved by Sirls, seconded by Tanghe. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of the Contract Renewal with RouteWare for the Waste Wizard

Eggermont shared that the RouteWare contract renewal includes the same terms currently in place. Auth asked if the Waste Wizard is working well and if statistics are available. Wright

responded that people are using the tool and will put together an update with user statistics for the next meeting.

Motion to approve the contract renewal with RouteWare for the Waste Wizard moved by Wessler, seconded by Hines. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

Member Reports - None

Washtenaw County Updates

Eggermont updated that the County is working on the initial stages of getting things ready for the Materials Management Planning process and that the deadline for committee applications has been extended to March 20. Eggermont is waiting for clarification from the State on who can apply and will provide that update to the board.

Eggermont shared that there are several proposals that would increase the cost of landfill waste. If the County does not grant an expansion of Arbor Hills landfill, which funds the Materials Management Division programs, the County has a draft ordinance to increase tonnage fees from waste generated within the County.

Invoices

Motion to approve the Davis invoice with a reduction to \$450 for 1/22/2024 moved by Auth, failed to carry without a second.

Motion to approve the Davis invoice as submitted for \$2,452.50 by Sirls, seconded by Wessler. Six in favor and one opposed. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the RouteWare Invoice for \$4,287.60 moved by Hines, seconded by Wessler. All in favor. Motion carries.

Next Steps

Washtenaw County will apply for the Waste Reduction Sponsorship. Saline and the City of Ypsilanti will have internal discussions about staffing. Davis will initiate negotiations with Priority Waste. The board will continue to think about WRRMA's funding model.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Mason, seconded by Wessler. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Angela Wright

Minutes approved by:


Secretary

Minutes approved by:


Chair