

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

4/15/2024; 11:00 AM

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

Members Present: Best, Auth, Tanghe, Wessler, Mason, Colvin-Garcia

Members Absent: Sirls

Staff Present: Eggermont

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present:

Best called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/Colvin-Garcia, joined at 11:10 AM

Pittsfield Township: Present/Best

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Absent/Hines

City of Dexter: Present/Tanghe

City of Saline: Absent/Sirls

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Wessler

City of Ann Arbor: Present/Mason

Approval of agenda for 4/15/2024 meeting

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

Approval of Minutes

2/26/2024 Meeting Minutes Approval

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

Unfinished Business

Collective Hauling Contract Next Steps

Best laid out the recent events and actions taken by Best, Eggermont, and Davis. It was reported that Waste Management approached two of the municipalities that participated in the RFP. Wessler reached out to Stevens Disposal to extend their contract to not transition to carts in the winter. Stevens responded with a 6-month extension and a 5-year extension. Wessler will seek a 1-year extension to bring along with a 5-year extension and recommend the 1-year to the Ypsilanti City Council. Sirls was informed by the City Manager and Finance Director that the City of Saline would be moving forward with a 1-year extension citing a contract term. As the first start date for any municipality would be beyond 180 days from the RFP date, WRRMA can't continue with the current RFP. Davis stated that the removal of anyone gives Priority the right not to move forward.

As a result, WRRMA is regrouping and has asked the City of Ypsilanti and the City of Saline to line up their current contracts to expire on September 30, 2025, so WRRMA can reissue the RFP in January 2025. Additionally, WRRMA could bring on additional members which would keep the number of units viable if either Ypsilanti or Saline decide not to join the reissued RFP.

Eggermont stated that Scio's contract renewal is at the option of GFL, not Scio Township. Davis noted that the goal is to line up at the same start date which will make improve the RFP.

Davis added that we have to take action on the current RFP to notify those who submitted a proposal.

WRRMA discussed the next steps and the challenges of getting municipal commitment. WRRMA had affirmations from delegates that they wanted to be part of the RFP and Davis presented to three of the communities and received a positive vote. Saline declined a presentation. WRRMA didn't get approval from each community because WRRMA didn't have anything to lock the communities into. Auth inquired if it would be better to get each municipality to commit. Davis noted that it would be difficult to get each municipality to commit to a hypothetical as there isn't a contract to vote on. Laying out the concept and getting an affirmative vote of support is likely as good as WRRMA would get.

Mason posed the idea of seeing if Priority would be willing to move forward with Pittsfield Township and Ypsilanti Township with the hope of adding the City of Ypsilanti or Saline. The board discussed the option and determined the option was not tenable.

Auth suggested a roll call vote. Motion by Mason to authorize Davis to communicate with those who responded to the RFP and release them from their obligations under the RFP.

seconded by Wessler. The vote was:

YES: Best, Tanghe, Auth, Mason, Wessler, Colvin-Garcia

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

All in favor. The motion passes.

Recollect Contract Renewal:

Eggermont explained that the prior contract extension wasn't accepted by Recollect. The attached resolution includes an agreement that is agreeable to Recollect and recommended for passage.

Vote to pass the attached resolution. Motion by Wessler, seconded by Colvin- Garcia. All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

May Meeting Location:

Eggermont noted that the LRC wouldn't be available for the upcoming meeting and asked if anyone wanted to host. Tanghe offered to host at the City of Dexter.

Davis Contract Renewal:

The contract with Davis has expired. Eggermont inquired if anyone had any contract considerations before renewing the contract. None were offered. Eggermont offered that WRRMA would extend the contract with the existing terms through June 30, 2026, which would align with the County contract expiration date.

Motion to amend the current contract with Davis to extend the contract date through June 30, 2026. Motion by Wessler, seconded by Tanghe. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports and Updates

Member Reports N/A

Washtenaw County Updates: N/A

Invoices

Motion to approve the Davis invoice for \$1,237.50 and \$1,035.00 moved by Tanghe seconded by Wessler All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the Washtenaw County invoice for \$5,372.97 moved by Colvin Garcia, seconded by Tanghe All in favor. Motion carries.

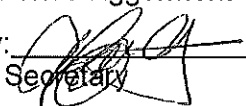
Next Steps

Davis will send some language to release those who responded to the RFP. Eggermont is communicating with other municipalities that would potentially join WRRMA and the future RFP.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Wessler seconded by Mason All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Theo Eggermont

Minutes approved by:  5/20/2024
Secretary

Minutes approved by: 
Chair