

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

5/18/2020; 1:00 PM
Remote Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Auth (Scio Township), Perry (Scio Township), Fordice (City of Saline), Breyer (City of Dexter), Akers (City of Ypsilanti), DiPietro (Ann Arbor Township), O'Connell (Ann Arbor Township), Stanfield (Ypsilanti Township)

Members Absent: Weirich (Pittsfield Charter Township),

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Attorney: Davis

Members of the public present: Naples, Lamar

Akers called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Present/DiPietro

Pittsfield Township: Not present

Scio Township: Present/Auth

Ypsilanti Township: Present/Stanfield

City of Dexter: Present at 1:15 PM/Breyer

City of Saline: Present/Fordice

City of Ypsilanti: Present/Akers

Public Comment

None

Approval of agenda for 5/18 meeting

- Motion to approve agenda moved by Stanfield, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (5). All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

4/20/2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

- Garramone would like to correct that the agenda for the 4/20 meeting was approved, not the 2/24 meeting agenda.
- Auth noted a few typos in the document, would like to move the labor discussion section to new business, and would like to add "Auth felt resolutions were not needed and premature" for both the labor discussion and voting structure.
- Motion to approve with suggested revisions moved by Auth, seconded by Fordice. Roll call vote: Yes (5). All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Labor Resolution

- Eggermont presented a memo and updated draft of the labor resolution.
- Auth noted that WRRMA was formed in September and could not have heard concerns from labor over the past 18 months. Eggermont will correct to reflect that these concerns were presented to Washtenaw County Staff during the formation of WRRMA or while acting on WRRMA's behalf.
- Auth expressed concern over the necessity of this resolution and including terms like living wage. Perry inquired if it would be simpler to release a public statement instead.

- Akers informed that the City of Ypsilanti's union leadership has had labor concerns over what WRRMA's impact might be.
- Davis believes the perspective should be broader and that labor issues could change drastically by the time WRRMA begins contracting. He reiterated that communities can choose to not sign a contract and remain a WRRMA member.
- Davis will draft a more broad resolution for review at the next meeting.

Voting Resolution

- The Board reviewed voting structure examples from other authorities. Eggermont would like the Board to begin considering alternate structures to have a clear vision for amending the voting structure for when the Articles of Incorporation are next amended.
- Davis commented that while in this formative phase, one vote per community works well because every community should have an influence on WRRMA's development.

Grant Update

- Eggermont and Garramone attended a training with all the accepted Michigan communities participating in the Recycling Quality Improvement Grant.
- Eggermont updated the Board on grant timelines. Some communities might establish baseline contamination rates, train inspectors, and communicate to residents by July or August.
- The City of Dexter, City of Ypsilanti, and City of Saline are willing to run the program this year. Scio Township, Ann Arbor Township, and Ypsilanti Township would prefer to run the program in 2021.
- Breyer would like a more detailed timeline for 2020.

Reports

City of Ann Arbor Drop-Off Station Application

- Eggermont and Naples updated that The City of Ann Arbor has submitted a grant application to EGLE for site preparation of a drop off station, with the goal of optimistically opening in 2024. Before opening, WRRMA and the City could reach an agreement to make the facility a regional facility. The City of Ann Arbor anticipates this being a regional facility, with their residents making up just under half of all usage.

Next Steps

- Davis will bring an alternate resolution on clauses in contracts, and create a contract for his work with WRRMA.
- Eggermont will distribute the recycling prices memo to the Board, as SOCRRA was able to obtain price increases for their materials.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Auth, seconded by DiPietro. Roll call vote: Yes (6). All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: Della DiPietro
Secretary

Minutes approved by: Ronald A. Akers
Chair

Signature: Della DiPietro
Della DiPietro (Jun 18, 2020 17:06 EDT)

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Signature: Ronald A. Akers
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5.18.20 Minutes for signing

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