

Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

6/27/2022; 11:00 AM

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

Members Present: Tanghe, Auth, Sirls, Akers, Mason, Hoffmeister, Best

Members Absent: DiPietro

Staff Present: Garramone, Eggermont

Attorney: Not present

Members of the public present: Perry

Akers called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.

Roll Call

Ann Arbor Township: Not Present

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/Akers

City of Ann Arbor: Present/Mason

Approval of agenda for 6/27 meeting

Davis is not able to make the meeting today, Auth suggested amending the agenda to remove item 4a and add a fuel surcharges and contracts discussion into new business as requested by Perry.

Motion to approve agenda as amended moved by Auth, seconded by Best. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

5/16/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve without amendment moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Education – Incentive Program

Eggermont confirmed that the Board discussed at the last meeting including the Green Home Program as presented by Best at the last meeting as part of the RFP process. Auth added the haulers will need to buy-in to the program for it to work and wondered how to get haulers more involved with WRRMA.

Eggermont believes the RFP is a good way to do so. Akers noted the City of Ypsilanti's sustainability commission is interested in the program.

Education – MRF Priorities

Eggermont asked the board about ongoing connections with the MRFs are opportunities for WRRMA to collaborate with MRFs. Auth heard the GFL MRF manager say a problem is when the containers are crushed the machinery can't identify them, while the Ann Arbor MRF noted that was not an issue.

Eggermont thought writing a few questions to send to MRF operators would be helpful to learn what changes and what education should be prioritized. Auth added these connections would help align WRRMA and the MRF to be more cooperative. Eggermont will draft questions.

New Business

TRP Grant – Ann Arbor Updates

.Mason updated that the cart tagging for City of Ann Arbor will start July 11th and the postcards to residents will be mailed out tomorrow. Communications and outreach are ongoing in advance of the cart tagging. Eggermont added WRRMA will need to plan for the App to Action grant as a group based on last year's data before the City of Ann Arbor's data is analyzed.

TRP Grant - App to Action Discussion

Eggermont is looking to get a consensus on moving forward with the App to Action grant. The program will need to have decisions made by late July to meet deadlines. Garramone presented opportunities to focus on either contamination or participation as part of the App to Action grant. The grant will utilize the data from the Recycling Quality Improvement Programs to create further outreach. A contamination program could use targeted mailings to households with specific contaminants and a follow-up MRF audit. A participation program could use targeted mailings to households with either no or low set-out rates during the cart tagging that contains information on recycling in that location and a QR code to a survey to learn more about the barriers to recycling from the resident's perspective.

Tanghe noted Dexter received a 13% return rate for an online survey that took residents 15-18 minutes. Auth wondered if asking people who don't recycle will answer or just throw it away. Best added the participation option would help inform the Green Home program to learn why people aren't participating. Mason added that reaching out to high set-out households would help determine what motivates our residents to recycle.

Best wondered how much money the subcommittee would need to be able to approve to be able to be nimble. Eggermont thought about \$20,000 would be sufficient to move forward with initial steps, and it could be approved at the July meeting.

Motion for the Board to approve moving forward on a participation campaign and create a subcommittee including four rotating Board members including City of Dexter, City of Ann Arbor, (if willing) Ann Arbor Township, Ypsilanti City and Ypsilanti Township on a rotational to approve smaller decisions moved by Best, supported by Auth.

Invoices

Motion to approve the Insurance invoice for \$408, Davis invoice for \$375, and ReCollect contract update for 674.28 moved by Best, seconded by Sirls. All in favor. Motion carries.

Fuel Surcharges and Contract

Auth asked if Board members have fuel surcharge allowances in their contracts. Hoffmeister noted Ypsilanti Township recently removed fuel surcharges from their contracts. Sirls added Waste Management is preparing to ask Saline for additional surcharges due to cost increases. Tanghe noted he believes Waste Management will be asking the same of them.

Reports and Updates

None

Next Steps

Next month Davis and the Board will discuss the RFP, and staff will bring an update of items for the participation campaign.

Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Hoffmeister, seconded by Tanghe. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by: *Della DiPietro*
Della DiPietro (Aug 3, 2022 13:10 EDT)
Secretary

Minutes approved by: *Ronald A. Akers*
Ronald A. Akers (Jul 21, 2022 13:54 EDT)
Chair












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