

# Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

9/19/2022; 11:00 AM

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

**Members Present:** Auth, Best, DiPietro, Hoffmeister, Tanghe, Mason

**Members Absent:** City of Saline/Sirls, City of Ypsilanti/Wessler

**Staff Present:** Eggermont, Porta

**Attorney:** Davis

**Members of the public present:**

Best called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

## Roll Call

*Ann Arbor Township:* Present/DiPietro

*Pittsfield Township:* Present/Best

*Scio Township:* Present/Auth

*Ypsilanti Township:* Present/Hoffmeister

*City of Dexter:* Present/Tanghe

*City of Saline:* Not Present

*City of Ypsilanti:* Not Present

*City of Ann Arbor:* Present/Mason

## Approval of agenda for 9/19 meeting

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

## Approval of Minutes

### *8/15/2022 Meeting Minutes Approval*

Auth indicated the following corrections: Akers called the meeting to order; approval of minutes section should say motion to approve "with" amendment; in the new business section for elections the motion was seconded by DiPietro. Auth also requested the addition of clarifying language in the RFP update second paragraph that the contract is "another third-party contract with another entity".

Motion to approve with amendment moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries.

## Unfinished Business

### *RFP Discussion*

Davis indicated if WRRMA is looking to move forward with the RFP, then it would be beneficial to identify today who is going to be part of the initial RFP process. Members need to confirm that their community is amenable to being mentioned as a potential entity in the future contract. Davis will prepare a draft RFP for the next meeting for the board to approve.

Davis asked Eggermont to start a discussion on where each WRRMA community stands. Eggermont shared that the City of Dexter, City of Saline, and City of Ypsilanti have waste hauling contracts expiring in 2024. Pittsfield Township does not have a long-term contract, so 2024 will be a year when many WRRMA municipalities have the opportunity to contract services together. Best indicated that the Pittsfield Township supervisor would like to have Davis at a working session meeting to explain to the board the RFP and the process.

The board discussed the logistics and timing of transitioning into a WRRMA contract. WRRMA communities will each need to sign a short membership agreement pledging their waste to be managed by WRRMA. This does not need to be done before the RFP; it needs to be in place before the contract starts. Davis confirmed the legality of the RFP saying it is on behalf of WRRMA but currently only for select communities and that others can come into the contract in the future with the established contractor pricing. Davis noted that communities that have an existing contract with the contractor that is awarded the contract might have the ability to roll their contract into the WRRMA contract if the contractor is agreeable to that. DiPietro asked if Ann Arbor Township's contract that they are currently working on should include a clause that allows them to be part of WRRMA's contract if it is the same hauler. Davis responded that could be beneficial for them in the future.

DiPietro noted that Ann Arbor Township has a preferred-hauler rather than a single-hauler and asked if they would have to change their ordinance if moving to a single-hauler. Davis responded that they will not have to change their ordinance. The contract will be with WRRMA, and the Township will be a beneficiary of the contract if they pledge their waste to WRRMA.

DiPietro expressed concern with a single-hauler contract that would force residents in Ann Arbor Township to participate in it who have currently chosen to not participate in the hauling services. Davis indicated that the hauler would work with the communities to plan a big PR campaign to prepare the community.

Davis explained revenue sharing formulas to the Board. The goal is to get rebates to the communities from the revenue sharing. Eggermont indicated it would be beneficial for educational purposes to have in the RFP that the hauler must take all WRRMA materials to the same MRF and for a certain number of years. Davis indicated the contract includes language that the facility cannot be changed without permission.

Eggermont will follow up with City of Saline and City of Ypsilanti to share this conversation and will then follow up with Davis.

#### *Grant Updates: Survey*

Eggermont shared that he still needs a couple responses about the upcoming mailer. Eggermont will work on creating the individual community surveys and will send the specific surveys that are unique to each municipality to the members to approve before sending off to print. The goal is to send out the mailers in late September or early October. An audit will be planned to follow the next mailer in late October.

#### *Reimbursement: \$22,744.94*

Eggermont shared the reimbursement from The Recycling Partnership for the mailings that were completed in the summer. This reimbursement amount includes the amount in the foresight invoice in today's packet. Motion to receive and file the reimbursement from The Recycling Partnership for \$22,744.94 moved by Hoffmeister, seconded by DiPietro. All in favor. Motion carries.

#### **New Business**

Auth indicated that Davis' contract caps attendance at WRRMA meetings at \$450. He asked that additional work done for WRRMA be split out in the invoice. DiPietro suggested moving forward with the current invoice and addressing splitting the line items for future invoices.

Motion to approve the Davis invoice for \$487.50 and to approve the Foresight printing and postage invoice for \$10,354.09 moved by DiPietro, supported by Mason. All in favor. Motion carries.

#### **Reports and Updates**

*Response from RAA about collaboration and education*

Eggermont shared the response from RAA about the MRF and that RAA is willing to come to meetings and dialogue with the Board. Eggermont also sent the same request to GFL and has not heard back yet. Eggermont will follow up with GFL.

DiPietro expressed that having a video of the MRF would be very helpful for residents to better understand why certain items are not recyclable and wondered about how to get permission to take video at the MRF. Eggermont indicated that is something the Board can ask RAA when they attend a future meeting and the County and WRRMA could collaborate to create a video in the new year.

**Next Steps**

Board members will confirm if their communities are amenable to being mentioned in the RFP. Board members will make sure they filled out the survey Eggermont sent out to choose their mailer. Eggermont will prepare individual surveys and send to communities for approval before putting the link on the mailer. Eggermont will follow up with communities that are not here today. Eggermont will have draft summary of activities for the next meeting.

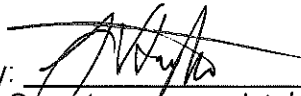
**Public Comment: General/Unrelated to current Agenda Items**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Auth, seconded by Hoffmeister. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

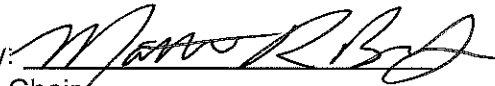
Minutes prepared by Angela Porta

Minutes approved by:

  
Secretary

Board Member, Josh Tanghe

Minutes approved by:

  
Chair