



Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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December Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Met via Zoom

Attendees: Kevin Kendall, president; Christina Pearse, Republic; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Charles Hauser, Granger; Tanisha Sanders, Waste Management; Debbie Johnston, Waste Management; Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Rick Burns, NTH Consultants; Douglas Gatrell, GHD; Russ Boersma, Arrowwaste; Chris Ulrich, Cornerstone Environmental; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management; Sam Baushke, Geosyntec; Jeff Woolstrum, Honigman; Deb Muchmore, ADS/GFL; Robb Moore, Republic Services; Susan Johnson, Butzel Long; Rob Bacyinski, DTE Energy

MHSA: Adrian Casal, Keeli Baker

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by K. Kendall at 1:34 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement.

II. Agenda Additions-none

III. Review and Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

- a. Members reviewed minutes from the last meeting.
- b. **Motion:** R. Boersma moved to approve the minutes as presented; T. Sanders seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Financial Report

- a. R. Boersma provided a summary of income and expenditures. MWRA has \$62,760.84 cash on hand.
- b. **Motion:** C. Phillips moved to accept the financial report as presented; C. Hauser seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Website Report

- a. C. Hauser, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. He is working with A. Poole on website refresh recommendations and will present a proposal at the January meeting.

VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. C. Pearse, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. GFL Environmental is joining MWRA.

VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. T. Sanders, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. MWRA and MI Chamber published a joint letter to legislative leadership on Part 115 issues.
- b. Capitol update: A. Casal provided an update. House cancelled session and meetings scheduled for this week. The House will meet next Wednesday and Thursday. Senate is expected to wrap up business by 12/22/20. Due to time constraints, we expect Part 115

will need to be reintroduced in 2021. Legislature will focus remaining days on supplemental unemployment funding and Governor's request for \$100 million in COVID assistance.

VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report

- a. R. Paajanen, committee member, provided a summary of activities. A committee meeting was held this morning. Air Quality division is setting up stakeholder workgroups to discuss ways to decrease ozone levels, formaldehyde from landfill flairs, and methane emissions. MWRA members have concerns with EGLE's methods to monitor onsite surface emissions. MWRA has created a taskforce to address exceedances and will meet in January. MWRA/MWEA/MPART/EGLE will meet on 12/18/20. R. Burns is working on the agenda. A. Taylor is retiring at the end of January. No update on GLWA rules; they are waiting on responses.

IX. Legal Issues Report-none

X. New Business

- a. E. Shafer is retiring 1/4/21. K. Kendall thanked Eric for his leadership of Technical Standards Committee.

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** D. Muchmore moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Sanders seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. A board meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. today.