



# Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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## August Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2020

*Met via Zoom*

**Attendees:** Kevin Kendall, president; Christina Pearse, Republic; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Charles Hauser, Granger; Douglas Gatrell, GHD; Eric Shafer, Waste Management; Tanisha Sanders, Waste Management; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management; Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Deb Muchmore for Advanced Disposal; Adam Larky, EDL Energy; Chris Ulrich, Cornerstone Environmental; Rob Bacyinski, DTE Energy; Rich Burns, NTH Consultants.

**MHSA:** Adrian Cazal, Keeli Baker

### I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by K. Kendall at 1:31 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement.

### II. Agenda Additions-none

### III. Review and Approval of the July Meeting Minutes

- a. Members reviewed minutes from the last meeting.
- b. **Motion:** E. Shafer moved to approve the minutes as presented; D. Muchmore seconded, and the motion carried.

### IV. Financial Report

- a. K. Kendall provided a summary of income and expenditures.
- b. **Motion:** C. Phillips moved to accept the financial report as presented; T. Sanders seconded, and the motion carried.

### V. Website Report

- a. C. Hauser, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. An article on EGLE partnerships with local communities to reduce recycling contamination was posted.

### VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. C. Pearse, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. She will be following up with a potential member inquiry received today.

### VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. T. Sanders, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. She thanked everyone for their work on HB 5817 and participation in stakeholder workgroup meetings. She is in the process of merging 2 unresolved issues documents into 1 for efficiency purposes. C. Phillips discussed a series of issues he and Jeff have been working on regarding the materials management plan proposal. A definition for “contaminant of emerging concern” will be included. MEC is pushing for a minimum of a COLA increase on fees, but the question is why additional monies are needed in the first place considering EGLE

has a \$7 million staff account that continues to grow. Chris submitted our comments to EGLE; EGLE expects a new substitute will be available soon and legislation will be taken up during Lame Duck.

- i. Next steps: MWRA will continue to reach out to stakeholders and partners; no additional stakeholder meetings are expected to be held.
- b. Capitol update: A. Cazal provided an update. Legislature will be meeting this weekend to debate school reopening-related legislation. Members will be working over the next two months to craft and approve budgets by the October 1 approval deadline.
- c. Northville Township Amendment: T. Sanders, C. Phillips, C. Hauser, and D. Muchmore participate in a subcommittee to address this issue. Work continues as there are many problems with its current form.

**VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report**

- a. E. Shafer, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. A committee meeting was held this morning and was well attended. EGLE Air Division is developing a template for industry; they will share with industry for review and comment. M. Ring discussed NSPS and Part 115 legislative issues; Rich and Dana are working on comments to be submitted to EGLE. Margie expects rules to take effect spring 2021. PFAS well testing will start soon; EGLE will hold training sessions. Compromise has been reached on landfill gas regulations after the last round of comments. GLWA IPP rules are still under review. The leachate workgroup will be meeting on August 18. R. Burns is putting together a PowerPoint presentation. TENORM reporting requirements start at the end of this quarter.

**IX. Legal Issues Report-none**

**X. New Business**

- a. T. Sanders will circulate draft public relations materials prepared by Martin Waymire to board members.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. **Motion:** C. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Sanders seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The August board meeting was cancelled.