



Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2019

MHSA, 124 W. Allegan St., Ste. 1900, Lansing MI 48933

- Attendees:** Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Russ Boersma, Arrowaste; Christina Pearse, Republic Services; Tanisha Sanders, Waste Management; Steve Essling, Waste Management; Jeff Woolstrum, Honigman Miller; Rick Burns, NTH Consultants; Chris Hennessy, Advanced Disposal; Tonia Olson, Granger; Tyrone Sanders, PAA.
- Phone:** Douglas Gattrell, GHD; Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Susan Johnson, Butzel Long; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management; John Myers, Waste Management
- MHSA:** Adrian Casal, Keeli Baker

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by C. Phillips at 1:33 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement.

II. Agenda Additions

- a. S. Essling added “lame duck legal analysis summary” under Technical Standards.
- b. S. Essling added “MMA air policy committee” under Technical Standards.
- c. S. Essling added “PFAS sampling of monitoring wells” under Technical Standards.

III. Review and Approval of the January Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Financial Report

- a. R. Boersma, secretary-treasurer, provided a summary of income and expenditures.
- b. **Motion:** T. Sanders moved to accept the financial report as presented; T. Olson seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Website Report

- a. T. Sanders, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. Safety articles have been uploaded to the site.

VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. C. Phillips, committee chair, reported there is no update since the last meeting. Please contact him with potential membership leads.

VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. A. Casal provided a Capitol update. Governor Whitmer held her first state of the state address. Her budget presentation is scheduled for March 3rd. Executive order 2019-2 was rejected this week by the legislature. The House is expected to introduce a

resolution asking for a new E.O. reorganizing MDEQ without language to disband last year's legislatively-created oversight boards. Rep. Van Singel introduced HB 4125, a bill to redirect tax collections resulting from the *Mayfair* court decision. Currently, the monies are to be directed to environmental programs. He plans to work with the executive office to fund the programs from another source. MDEQ is meeting internally on Part 115. Division priorities approved by the director will be submitted to the governor's office.

- b. Legislative committee priorities: T. Olson provided an update. She suggests MWRA focus on the surcharge sunset, legislative tours, and committee testimony. She and C. Phillips will work on a draft presentation. Legislative tours will be based on facility location. MWRA will work on common talking points to incorporate into tours.
- c. The solid waste receipt report included new columns that are not required to be completed.
- d. The state's recycling report was published and distributed to members.

VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report

- a. S. Essling, committee chair, provided a summary of activities.
- b. Financial Assurance: this will be discussed at the board meeting.
- c. MDEQ update: M. Ring provided a TENORM guidance document. They are asking for industry input. Please contact Steve with your recommendations.
- d. PFAS: a meeting has been scheduled for March 5 to discuss the report with MDEQ.
- e. Tier II reports are due at the end of this month.
- f. Part 175 Annual Report was published and distributed to members.
- g. MMA air policy committee: C. Phillips gave an update. Natural gas use is increasing, and coal ash is decreasing, resulting in a shortfall for the MDEQ budget.
- h. PFAS monitoring wells: S. Essling discussed sampling of certain West Michigan members' monitoring wells. At this time there are no standards.
- i. J. Woolstrum provided legal analysis of Public Acts 602, 631, 640, and 688 of 2018.

IX. Transportation Committee Report-none

X. Legal Issues Report-none

XI. New Business

- a. T. Sanders discussed putting together a legislative directory of member landfill sites and corresponding house and senate elected officials. She will work with K. Baker to set this up.

XII. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** T. Olson moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Sanders seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. A board of directors meeting will follow today's meeting.