



# Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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## April Membership Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2020

*Met by phone*

**Attendees:** Kevin Kendall, president; Jeff Woolstrum, Honigman; Russ Boersma, Arrowaste; Chris Ulrich, Tetra Tech; Christina Pearse, Republic; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Charles Hauser, Granger; Douglas Gatrell, GHD; Eric Shafer, Waste Management; Tanisha Sanders, Waste Management; Rick Burns, NTH Consultants; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management; Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Rob Moore, Republic; Susan Johnson, Butzel Long; Adam Larky, EDL; Paul Sgriccia, Rochem Americas; Debbie Johnston, Waste Management

**MHSA:** Adrian Cazal, Keeli Baker

### I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by K. Kendall at 1:30 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement. Kevin thanked A. Larky, R. Burns, C. Pearse, and all those who organized the recent ESD conference.

### II. Agenda Additions-none

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

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

### IV. Financial Report

- a. R. Boersma, treasurer, provided a summary of income and expenditures. Most membership dues have been collected.
- b. **Motion:** . T. Sanders moved to accept the financial report as presented; C. Phillips seconded, and the motion carried.

### V. Website Report

- a. C. Hauser, committee, provided a summary of activities. A COVID-19 article focused on the waste industry was uploaded to the website. He thanked everyone for their efforts to keep essential workers safe and healthy.

### VI. Membership Committee Report-none

### VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. T. Sanders, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. The committee met recently via email to collect feedback on various regulatory concerns related to COVID-19 and compliance issues, and the stay-in-place order. On March 20 MWRA sent a letter to Governor Whitmer, Director Clark, Liz Brown, and key legislative leadership addressing these and other issues, such as truck weights and yard waste. To date, Liz

has been the only one to respond. EGLE appears to be handling compliance issues on a case-by-case basis.

- b. Capitol update: A. Cazal provided an update. The Senate formed a bipartisan workgroup to develop recommendations on reopening certain sectors of the economy. Senator Ken Horn is leading the effort. House members are doing the same thing on an informal basis. DTE is leading a business community effort to put together recommendations for the governor as well. There is a projected state revenue decrease of \$2.5 – 4 billion due to COVID-19. The constitution requires the budget to be completed by October 1; statutory deadline is July 1. Some committee chairs will host virtual committee meetings to conduct business, but members must vote in-person. The governor has scheduled today a 3:00 p.m. press conference at which time it is expected she will announce an extension of the stay-in-place order thru April 30.

**VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report**

- a. E. Shafer, committee chair, provided a summary of activities.
- b. Part 115: no update.
- c. Landfill gas collections: MWRA sent comments to EGLE. MWRA hosted a February conference call with EGLE to discuss remaining issues. At this time, we are deadlocked on a few remaining issues.
- d. MCL PFAS drinking water rules are expected to be finalized by the end of April.

**IX. Legal Issues Report-none**

**X. New Business**

- a. C. Pearse discussed an increase of commingling yard waste with other waste.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. **Motion:** T. Sanders moved to adjourn the meeting; C. Hauser seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. A board meeting will follow.