



Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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October Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 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; Eric Shafer, Waste Management; Susan Johnson, Butzel Long; Rob Bacyinski, DTE Energy; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management

Guests: Regan Welch and Sam Baushke, Geosyntec

MHSA: Adrian Casal, 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.

II. Agenda Additions

- a. T. Sanders added CDL renewal waiver extension under Legislative Report.
- b. T. Sanders added SB 1169 under Legislative Report.

III. Review and Approval of the September Meeting Minutes

- a. Members reviewed minutes from the last meeting.
- b. Amendment: R. Boersma needs to be added to attendance list.
- c. **Motion:** T. Sanders moved to approve the minutes as amended; R. Boersma seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Financial Report

- a. R. Boersma provided a summary of income and expenditures.
- b. **Motion:** T. Sanders 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.

VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. C. Pearse, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. She welcomed prospective members Regan Welch and Sam Baushke from Geosyntec.

VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. T. Sanders, committee chair, and C. Phillips provided a summary of activities. Part 115 legislative package is expected to move out of committee post-election. Tanisha thanked Jeff and Chris for testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee. MWRA is most concerned about HB 5817 issues, especially definitions of host

communities and emerging contaminants. Adrian will continue to meet with legislative and executive office stakeholders. He expects amendments to be introduced and will forward to the board, but the amendments are not expected to impact negatively MWRA's language. C. Phillips discussed SB 1169 which would include landfills as a "facility" for purposes of requiring vegetative buffers to protect certain populations such as schools and senior centers. Adrian doesn't expect the bill to move.

- b. Capitol update: A. Casal provided an update. Senate is in session this week and the House will be in session next week to work on issues related to the Michigan Supreme Court's decision striking down as unconstitutional Governor Whitmer's indefinite emergency powers. The decision stems from a federal lawsuit and we await the federal court's decision based on MSC's decision. Governor's website states that 43 orders are still in effect. October focus will be on how the state operates moving forward.

VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report

- a. E. Shafer, committee chair, provided a summary of activities. A committee meeting was held this morning. MDARD would like to work with MWRA on livestock animal carcass disposal. The board will discuss today potential MWRA representatives for this project. The state of Michigan contracted with RRS to gather data on types and volumes of recycling by county. EGLE is sending letters to wastewater treatment plants regarding PFOS reductions and pre-treatment. Annual waste receipt reports are due soon.

IX. Legal Issues Report-none

X. New Business-none

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** E. Shafer moved to adjourn the meeting; C. Phillips seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. A board meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. today.