



Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2019

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

Attendees: Kevin Kendall, president; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Rick Burns, NTH Consultants; Rich Paaanen, Waste Management; Tim Church, Brent Run Landfill; Rob Bacyinski, DTE Energy; Eric Shafer, Waste Management.

Phone: Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Susan Johnson, Butzel Long; Chris Ulrich, Cornerstone Environmental; Chris Hennessy, Advanced Disposal; Tonia Olson, Granger; Tiffany Johnson, Golder Associates.

MHSA: Adrian Casal, Keeli Baker

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by K. Kendall at 1:32 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement.

II. Agenda Additions-none

III. Review and Approval of the February Meeting Minutes

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

V. Website Report

- a. PFAS reports and two driver safety articles were added to the website.

VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. C. Phillips, committee chair, provided a summary of recent activities. EDL Energy is joining MWRA as a Type III B member. Jon Groot replaced Henry Valkema at Michiana Recycling and Disposal.

VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. A. Casal provided a legislative update. Governor Whitmer presented her first budget proposal. The main focus is on road funding and a 45-cent gas tax increase. There was no mention of a trash tax increase, but she wants to eliminate sunsets on fees and add in an inflation calculation. She also wants to increase air permit fees. Adrian will continue monitoring the budget process and talking with appropriations members. MDEQ will be reorganized into the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

(EGLE). Legislators will be in session one more week before its scheduled two-week spring break.

- b. Solid waste surcharge/sunset: T. Olson discussed recent legislative committee meeting. She will update MWRA's legislative presentation. The committee is organizing legislative tours. Part 115 industry priorities will be reviewed for updates. C. Phillips is reviewing funding information from last session's House Bill 6483. A legislative committee meeting will soon be held.

VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report

- a. Rich Paajanen provided a summary of activities.
- b. Financial Assurance: Latest update is version 7.
- c. MDEQ update: MDEQ is hosting a solid waste forum in Marquette.
- d. TENORM: MDEQ issued guidance. Rich will distribute via email. There was discussion on the recent biosolids conference.
- e. MMA Air Policy Committee: C. Phillips provided an update. The governor proposed creating air permit tiers. Landfills would fit into Tier I. There was discussion at the committee meeting about bringing back 795+ facilities that have opted out of air and facility fees. MDEQ welcomes industry feedback. Emissions are dropping 4% each year, but MDEQ expenses are rising 3% each year.
- f. Solid Waste Management Report: There was discussion on the carry over in the MDEQ staff fund.
- g. PFAS: The report was presented to MDEQ and has been posted on MWRA's website. K. Kendall thanked all those involved for their hard work. MWRA leaders were interviewed by Bridge Magazine. An article is expected to run on 3/18/19.
- h. EPA: EPA published an executive summary. It focuses on ground water, drinking water, and the public health impact.
- i. R. Burns discussed recent biosolids conference he attended. Groundwater sampling of priority sites will take place this year.
- j. Part 175 Annual Report-no update

IX. Transportation Committee Report-none

X. Legal Issues Report-none

XI. New Business-none

XII. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** C. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Olson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. A board of directors meeting will follow today's meeting.