

# SOLID WASTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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**Meeting Location**  
301 N. Main St – Adrian, MI 49221

**Minutes:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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## Members in Attendance:

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| √ David Stimpson (Co Comm) 12/22       | √ Kasee Johnson (Health Field) 12/23      |
| √ John Tuckerman (At Large) 12/22      | √ Dave Pixley (Outlying Community) 12/24  |
| √ Greg Elliott (City of Adrian) 12/22  | √ Jim Palmer (Twp. Official) 12/24        |
| √ Jim May (Solid Waste Industry) 12/23 | √ Keeley Pape (Environmental Group) 12/24 |
| A Dan Swallow (City of Tecumseh) 12/23 |   |

**Also Present:** Keith Chapman, Joe Michalec, Kim Murphy, and Becky Borton

B. Borton opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### I. Election of Officers

The floor was opened for Chair nominations. D. Pixley nominated J. Tuckerman to serve as Chair, seconded by D. Stimpson. No other nominations were made.

*Motion by D. Pixley to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for John Tuckerman to serve as Chair, seconded by D. Stimpson. Motion carried.*

The floor was opened for Vice Chair nominations. J. Tuckerman nominated D. Pixley to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by D. Stimpson. No other nominations were made.

*Motion by D. Stimpson to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for D. Pixley to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by J. Tuckerman. Motion carried.*

The meeting was turned over to J. Tuckerman.

### II. Consent Agenda

#### A. Approve Minutes

*Motion by G. Elliott, seconded by D. Pixley, to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.*

**B. Finance Report:** The finance report was available. Concerns regarding the operational costs of the drop off site were discussed. The hauling rate will be

going up to \$525 per load beginning February 1, 2023. This additional cost could put us over budget by approximate \$35,000 - \$40,000.

This estimate is based on the average of 75 loads of materials shipped per year.

*Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Palmer, to accept the finance report. Motion carried.*

- C. Reports:** Monthly reports of the Waste Hauler Tonnage Logs, County-wide Recycling, and Recycling Drop Off Site were reviewed.

**III. Discussion Items**

- A. Program Coordinator’s Report:** B. Borton passed out an overview of the solid waste program and summary of 2022 activities.

**DOS Upgrade:** In 2022, the County collected and recycled approximately 33 tons of materials, there were no contaminated loads, and only one day of closure due to a jamb.

**2023 Tire Collection Date:** The 2023 grant award is for \$12,000. The spring collection date has been set for May 20th.

**2023 Waste Hauler Licensing:** Three new haulers have applied for the 2023 license.

**Other Collection Events:** None known of at this time.

**PA116 Amendment:** The amendment passed in December and EGLE is working on how to move forward with transitioning from Solid Waste to Materials Management and implementing the changes. They will be scheduling workshops and have recommended a couple of people to attend the meetings. Kasee Johnson volunteered to participate, other members are welcome to attend as well.

**2023 Calendar:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

March 1	May 3	July 5	September 6	November 1
April 5	June 7	August 2	October 4	December 6

- IV. Other Business:** There was no other business.

- V. Public Comment:** Keith Chapman provided an update from Goodwill Industries. He announced that the electronics recycling division is moving forward and anticipates opening it up later this year. He also shared Goodwill’s initiative into recycling textiles which is in its initial phase.

Dave Pixley mentioned that the Academy Road site was doing better the last time he checked.

Keeley Pape shared that the Conservation District will be doing the pesticide container collection again this year.

## **VI. Adjournment**

*Motion by D. Pixley, J. Palmer seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.*

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## Overview

The Solid Waste program addresses the generation, transfer and disposal of Lenawee County's overall solid waste. The program aims to reduce the amount sent for final disposal through reduction techniques, resource conservation, and resource recovery programs.

The **Solid Waste Coordinator** is charged with furthering the goals and objectives of the Lenawee County Solid Waste Management Plan, carry-out the administrative duties of the department and waste hauler licensing, as well as, propose, develop, and implement authorized recycling programs.

The **Lenawee County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee** oversees the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan and the Solid Waste Ordinance, oversees activities and duties of the Solid Waste Program, and approves recycling and resource recovery projects.

The **Lenawee County Board of Commissioners** appoints members to the LCSWCC, sets the annual budget, and approves any financially binding contracts.

The **Solid Waste Management Plan** was adopted in 1977 and recent amendments were submitted to the State of Michigan in 2016. <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/985/SWC-Committee>

The **Lenawee Solid Waste Ordinance** is available on <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/294/County-Ordinances>

## 2022 Year in Review

The recycling drop-off site underwent an overhaul; the three compactors were rebuilt and a fourth one added. The chutes and receptacle openings were modified to deter over-sized items from being deposited. The site was closed a total of 26 days, 25 days were due to the upgrade project. There were no contaminated loads.

Lenawee County partnered up with Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to prepare for transitioning from solid waste to materials management. This partnership is not to create regional plans, just initiate conversations. SEMCOG offers guidance, oversight, consistency, and collaboration.

In December 2022, Gov. Whitmer signed an eight-bill package designed to modernize Michigan's solid waste law (Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 452, as amended). This amended law and policy approach is the product of 7 years of extensive deliberation in workgroups that included input from a large, diverse group of stakeholders. Implementing these changes will be a huge undertaking.

It should also be noted that in 2018, legislative approval was obtained for Renew Michigan funding. This fund provides \$15 million specifically made available for grants and support for county planning resulting from these changes. Counties will soon be funded and incentivized to plan for needed materials management infrastructure, programs, and services to manage materials more productively through reduction, recycling, composting, and other innovative approaches. With this funding secured and an updated policy framework finally in place, Michigan can begin to develop a circular economy to benefit Michigan's environment, residents, and businesses.

The Lenawee County Solid Waste Program organized two tire collections and one community collection day (solid foams, packing materials, batteries, and document shredding).

Wacker and Anderson Development held one household hazardous waste collection event.