



## Regional Development Commission

April 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM  
Lake County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room  
800 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Baldwin, Michigan

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – 10:02 AM by Connie Cargill, Chairperson

**II. ROLL CALL QUORUM: Yes**

Present	Absent	Name	Representing
X		Howard Lodholtz	Lake County, Elected County Official
X		Phillip Lodholtz	Lake County, Elected Township Official
X		Debbie Russell	Lake County, Business
X		Michael Seroczynski	Lake County, Elected County Official
X		Sharon Edgar	Mason County, Environmental Interest Group
X		Jody Hartley	Mason County, Elected County Official
X		Jamie Healy	Mason Co., Waste Diversion, Reuse/Reduction Facility
	X	Michael Smith	Mason County, Business
	X	William Crabtree	Muskegon County, Business
	X	Joe Kuerth	Muskegon County, Waste Hauling
	X	Greg Leverence	Muskegon County, Solid Waste Disposal Facility
X		Darrell Page	Muskegon County, Elected County Official
X		Leon Scott	Newaygo Co., Composting Facility/Anaerobic Digester
	X	Jake Thompson	Newaygo County, Materials Recovery Facility
	X	Chuck Trapp	Newaygo County, Elected County Official
X		James Niemiec	Newaygo County, Arbre Farms
X		Connie Cargill	Oceana County, Elected County Official
X		Lynn Cavazos	Oceana County, Elected City/Village Official
X		Jim Kleiner	Oceana County, Business
	X	Don Squire	Oceana County, Business (generates managed material)
	X	Mark Kinney	WMSRDC Regional Planning Agency
X		Stephen Carlson	WMSRDC Staff
	X	Erin Kuhn	WMSRDC Staff
<b>GUESTS:</b>			
		Syndi Copeland	WMSRDC Staff
		Tobi Lake	Lake County Administrator
		Jeff Marcinkowski	Fruitland Township
		Robert Shaw	Fruitland Township
		Krista Veal	Newaygo County
		Jeff Krcmarik	EGLE
		Wade VandenBosch	Muskegon County
		Sara Cooper	Muskegon County

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Lynn Cavazos and supported by Darrell Page to approve the agenda for April 7, 2025. Motion carried.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After two changes were made, (1) to mark Jamie Healy as present, and (2) to change the heading III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES to III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, a motion was made by Howard Lodholtz and supported by Lynn Cavazos to approve the February 3, 2025, MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Stephen Carlson announced that the work plan is conditionally approved by the State, and each county is now waiting for the grant agreement from EGLE.

### **VI. MICHIGAN DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, & ENERGY (EGLE) PRESENTATION**

– Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Quality Specialist, [Krcmarikj@michigan.gov](mailto:Krcmarikj@michigan.gov)

After the presentation, several questions were received and answered by Mr. Krcmarik. The presentation will be forwarded to WMSRDC for distribution to the committee and placement on the MMP page of the WMSRDC website.

### **VII. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING FACT SHEET** – Erin created a draft fact sheet for discussion purposes. The following comments were made:

- Sharon Edgar stated this has too much information. She thinks something very simple with basic information and the addition of a website link or QR code would be appropriate. The flowchart should be made bigger as it is too small to read currently.
- Jody Hartley stated that starting with a simple education process would be better.
- Mention was made that many people don't know how to use a QR code.
- Stephen Carlson asked who the audience would be.
- The costs of recycling need to be determined and shared.

There was a suggestion of another presentation on the economics of materials management.

### **VIII. COUNTY PROFILE DISCUSSION** – Stephen Carlson

Looking at the minimum requirements we must meet, the committee may add information that is desirable and collect information such as:

- Population density (current and projected)
- Waste and Material Generation (Hazardous, solid, organic) How are each of our communities addressing these types of materials management?
- Tonnage for solids, liquids, diverted and recyclables
- Distinguishing between domestic, agricultural, industrial and commercial
- Facilities Infrastructure – Consider strategies for gathering the information such as local government surveys and input from the community members for placement. Some sources are already in place but aren't always accurate such as the GAP Analysis and the Megadata Informational Data Gathering process.

Questions that were generated after this presentation included, "What content should be presented each month?" "Who will be responsible to collect data?" "How many jurisdictions should be contacted?" "How do we track population in tourism towns?" The suggestion was made that a monthly guide of responsibilities be created so the committee will know upcoming expectations. Once initial/available data is gathered and presented to the committee, the

committee will need to decide if the information is valid or insufficient, at which point further data gathering measures will be considered.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS** – Stephen asked if there was interest in touring a materials recovery facility after the May 5 meeting in Newaygo County. The objective for this visit is for the committee planning information. Touring the facility now and also later into this process would provide pertinent information. Stephen asked if there was any guidance on an open public session during the tour. Because of overcrowding or safety issues, it was suggested that it could be listed as a workshop, no decisions would be made during this time, and a public tour would be offered at a later time. However, for logistics, if we did open it to the public a signup would be necessary with a deadline.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Sidney Shaw asked, “Does this group have a strategic goal statement?” Tobi Lake clarified some misunderstandings regarding the timeline of this project. The goal right now is to meet the State’s requirements. It was suggested by Sharon Edgar to have the purpose of the advisory committee at the top of the agenda. Later in time the committee can decide if a goal statement is needed.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Howard Lodholtz and supported by Jamie Healy to adjourn at 11:37 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2025 – Newaygo County

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Connie Cargill, Chairperson

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Erin Kuhn, WMSRDC Executive Director

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