



July 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM  
Oceana County Community Services Building  
844 South Griswald Street, Hart, MI

I. **CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 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
		Vacant	Newaygo County, Business
x		Connie Cargill	Oceana County, Elected County Official
x		Lynn Cavazos	Oceana County, Elected City/Village Official
		Vacant	Oceana County, Business
x		James Niemiec	Oceana County, Arbre Farms
x		Mark Kinney	WMSRDC Regional Planning Agency
x		Syndi Copeland	WMSRDC Staff
x		Erin Kuhn	WMSRDC Staff
<b>GUESTS:</b>		Sidney Shaw	Fruitland
		Tobi Lake	Lake County
		Sara Cooper	Muskegon County
		Wade VandenBosch	Muskegon County

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Chuck Trapp and supported by Lynn Cavazos to approve the agenda for July 7, 2025. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Sharon Edgar (who stated she was present and that needed to be changed) and supported by Howard Lodholtz to approve the May 5, 2025, MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – There were no comments.

**VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT** – Erin Kuhn led a discussion regarding a local government survey that will be emailed to all 120 local governments. A handout was provided to review. Although WMSRDC will email these, Erin encouraged the committee to also distribute the survey through their channels to local governments. Erin noted that the initial survey is targeted to identify facilities and infrastructure as well as programs and events from within the region. Follow-up will occur later to gather more detailed information relevant to the MMP.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY DISCUSSION** – Stephen has been working to get on the agendas of all the county level township association meetings. He has already attended the Muskegon County Township Association meeting, and two more are scheduled in September. Either Erin or Stephen will regularly attend these meetings to provide information and updates regarding the development of MMP.

**VIII. MSU DATA ANALYSIS ASSISTANCE** – Erin recently connected with a professor from MSU to discuss assistance with analyzing data collected through the MMP process. MSU has opportunities to have a masters-level class take on this project. She will have more information later.

**IX. NEW / OLD BUSINESS** – Ottawa County reached out to Erin about an ordinance they are proposing which is to charge a \$1.60 per ton fee for anything hauled to their landfills. This will generate an estimated \$1.89 million, of which they are proposing an 80/20 split between Ottawa County and the counties hauling waste to the two private landfills located in Ottawa County. The ordinance is in the development phase and has not been approved by the county board of commissioners. Erin will share information regarding this proposed ordinance as it becomes available.

**X. NEXT MEETING FOCUS** – Stephen and Erin put together a list of things they would like to discuss at each month's meeting through the end of the year. At the Mason County meeting next month, they would like to focus on MMP infrastructure and data. We should expect to have an educational presentation at each meeting. Sharon suggested that not everything we learn needs to be from a presentation, but also resources such as articles, webcasts, etc. which the group could research and discuss.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- Sidney Shaw asked if Erin has all of the solid waste plans from each county. Will each be reviewed as we write the plan. There are many differences between old and new. The old were more about capacity, and the new is more about diversion. Are any market reps going to be at our educational presentations?
- Tobi Lake stated that all five counties need a solid waste management plan, but do they all need an ordinance? Erin isn't sure that any county has an ordinance pertaining to solid waste or materials management.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Howard Lodholtz and supported by Chuck Trapp to adjourn at 10:50 AM.  
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: August 4, 2025 – Mason County

  
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Connie Cargill, Chairperson

8/4/25  
Date

  
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Erin Kuhn, WMSRDC Executive Director

8-4-2025  
Date