



September 8, 2025 - 10:00 AM – Lake County
Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room
800 E. 10th St., Baldwin, 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
	X	James Niemiec	Oceana County, Arbre Farms
		Vacant	Oceana County, Business
	X	Mark Kinney	WMSRDC Regional Planning Agency
	X	Stephen Carlson	WMSRDC Staff
	X	Erin Kuhn	WMSRDC Staff
GUESTS:		Wade VandenBosch	Muskegon County
		Sydney Shaw	Fruitland Township
		Tobi Lake	Lake County
		DL Fenstermacher	Independent Rural Waste Services

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard Lodholtz and supported by Greg Leverence to approve the agenda for September 8, 2025. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chuck Trapp and supported by Howard Lodholtz to approve August 4, 2025, MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Darrell Fenstermacher with Independent Rural Waste Service LLC. He gave information regarding their stations. He is just an interested business.**VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT** – A handout was given to attendees regarding the local government survey. Stephen gave a brief update on the current survey responses. Half of the 56 responses have come from Lake County with increases in the other counties in the last few weeks. WMSRDC will be speaking at Newaygo and Oceana counties' township meetings this month. We will continue to get the word out and hopefully get more responses after this. The survey will remain open for the time being. As information is gathered over time, the details will become more specific.

Erin also informed the committee that the Ottawa County DPA has sent a letter to EGLE on behalf of all of the DPA's across the state. This letter asked for a meeting to clarify what EGLE is looking for and requested that EGLE offer some standardized ways to collect data to come up with our county-level recycling rates. Clarification was also requested on what they want in the final report, as initial information from EGLE was vague.

Joe Kuerth was asked to share his perspective as a waste hauler. He noted that this effort will take a lot of time, money and people to accomplish. Having to address both commercial and residential waste will be extremely difficult because they are vastly different. Erin noted that the DPAs are trying to get direction from EGLE to help with this. Our goal with the completed plan is to (1) fulfill PA 115 requirements, (2) to identify goals and objectives that are attainable, and (3) provide education regarding the planning process. Stephen said his focus is to make sure the plan is written in such a way that it demonstrates progress, is realistic for the region, and feasible to implement.

Other comments were given in suggestion of things to include in the plan, and also several concerns were raised.

The second hand out addressed goals and objectives. Stephen looked at all five counties' solid waste management plans and pulled out the goals and objectives of each. We can now begin to look at what was identified in the current plans, what do we want to carry forward, if anything; and how different they are between counties. Finding a common ground between counties is a great starting point to set regional goals and objectives. In our next meeting, we would like to take a deep dive into these and start forming regional goals and objectives. Erin asked everyone to review this list and give thoughts on what should be kept or deleted.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY DISCUSSION – There are no updates on this. WMSRDC continues to reach out to local governments with the survey; Stephen and Erin continue going to county-level association meetings; an updated fact sheet will be sent out in October; WMSRDC will begin reaching out to haulers for information; and then the general public will be addressed. The vision is to have the draft plan written by late summer of 2026, so all 120 jurisdictions can review and approve it before it needs to be sent to EGLE in 2027.**VIII. MSU DATA ANALYSIS ASSISTANCE – No discussion**

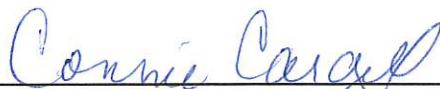
IX. **NEW / OLD BUSINESS** – Erin gave an update on the committee members. Currently there are two vacancies: however, once Mason County gives approval, a new business member from Oceana will be appointed. Newaygo County informed Erin that they have an interested person to fill the vacancy. Once both are approved, all vacancies will be filled.

X. **NEXT MEETING FOCUS** – Draft of MMP Outline and the Goals and Objectives. Stephen suggested asking a representative from EGLE to come to a future meeting to answer our questions.

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was discussion around recycling currently offered throughout the region.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**
A motion was made by Howard Lodholtz and supported by Mike Seroczynski to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2025 – Newaygo County



Connie Cargill, Chairperson



Date



Erin Kuhn, WMSRDC Executive Director



Date