



**Northeast Michigan Regional Multi-County Materials Management Planning
Committee (MMPC)
Meeting Minutes**

06/27/2025, 11:00 AM

MOA Solid Waste Management Authority, 6751 Landfill Rd, Atlanta, MI 49709

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:02am

Roll Call

- a. Bill Peterson - present
- b. Jackie Bondar – present
 - i. Michelle Knepp (proxy for Jackie Bondar) also present.
- c. Cindy Johnson – present (virtual)
- d. Leigh Ann Jewell – absent
- e. David Langley – present
- f. Michelle Hamlin – absent
- g. Cheryl Neilsen – present
- h. Susan Avery – present (virtual)
- i. Jeff Gehring – absent
- j. John Dietlin - absent
- k. Rob Pallarito – present
- l. Terry Dutcher – absent
 - i. Jamie Soboleski (proxy for Dutcher) – present (virtual)
- m. Rachel Smolinski – present
- n. Ted Fines – absent
- o. Connie Gerrie – present

- p. Terry Small – absent
- q. Maddie Khuri – present
- r. Fairview Facility Manager – absent

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Elisa Seltzer, Katelyn Heflin (virtual)

Last Meeting Minutes Approval

- No discussion
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 2/14/25
 - Bondar / Pallarito | 8 yes / 0 no | Motion Carried

ILA Report Out

Elisa shared that all Boards from each County will need to take the funding mechanism back to their Boards to finalize how money will flow to Alpena.

Jesse updated the MMPC on conversations with Cavitt's office and requesting that EGLE provide upfront payments versus reimbursements.

Work Program Discussion and Approval

Elisa reviewed the funding available from EGLE for each County and projected budgets. Elisa walked through the timeline laid out in the work program, from data collection, analysis, community engagement, plan drafting, etc.

Elisa noted that each village, township, and city will need to approve the Materials Management Plan from within each County before it can move forward to EGLE.

Elisa noted that DJ who is the recycling specialist in their region will be a resource to understand where dollars from EGLE can be spent to better the infrastructure and provide services across all 5 counties based on what the MMPC identifies as immediate needs.

Elisa reiterated – the \$70K per county per year will not all go to building a plan and can start to be used to provide services to the community.

Question on timeline – where should we be focusing on now? The timeline on the work program notes we should already be doing public engagement – what should that look like?

Elisa noted that we need to submit a work program each year to EGLE and this will have to be re-submitted this fall.

A Board member suggested they send out information on the MMPC meetings to get public

engagement in person. After that they should print flyers and distribute them across all 5 counties and include information on winter taxes? Susan added that putting them out in the assessing bills would also be a good idea. Another suggestion was distributing a survey to residents.

Elisa continued to review the Tasks laid out in the work program. She noted that part of the Materials Management Planning Committee role is to ensure that their communities are aware and engaged in the planning process.

Chair asked if there were any more questions on the Work Program.

- Motion to approve the work program
 - Gerrie/Neilson | 8 yes / 0 no | Motion Carried

Review of Draft Bylaws

- Motion to approve the bylaws as amended
 - Pallarito/Knepp | 8 yes / 0 no | Motion Carried

Next Steps:

RRS will follow up with each County on how to submit the Work Program to EGLE.

Next Meeting Schedule (through 2025):

- Thursday, September 18/2025 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Thursday, October 16/2025 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Thursday, November 20/2025 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- December TBD

Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm

Approval by Secretary, 8/22/2025:

Michelle Knepp

