



## Minutes

### SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee

Monday, December 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pokagon Band Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

Role	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Solid Waste Facility Operator	Bob Kras	IP	A	IP	IP	E	IP	IP	E	IP	IP	IP	IP
Hauler	Christopher Phillips (Vice-Chair)	IP	E	IP	IP	A	IP	E	IP	IP	IP	IP	E
Materials Recovery Facility Operator	Donovan Kelley		IP	E	IP	A	E	E	IP	E	IP	IP	A
Composting Facility Operator	Adam Brent								IP	IP	IP	IP	IP
Waste Diversion, Reuse, Reduction Facility Operator	Sheila Bergen				IP	IP	IP	IP	A	IP	A	IP	E
Environmental Interest Group	Kalli Marshall (Chair)	IP											
Elected Township Official	David Kuhn	IP	E	IP	IP	IP							
Elected City/Village Official	Deah Muth	IP	IP	V	IP	V	IP	E	IP	E	E	IP	E
Business that generates Managed Materials	Al Pscholka	IP	IP	E	E	A	E	IP	A	A	E	IP	A
Regional Planning Agency	John Egelhaaf	IP											
Sovereign Nation	Jennifer Kanine	IP	IP	IP	V	A	IP						
<b>Berrien County</b>													
Elected County or Municipal Official	Dave Vollrath	IP											
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Jeff Doroh	IP	IP	IP	E	A	IP	IP	E	IP	V	IP	A
<b>Cass County</b>													
Elected County or Municipal Official	Roseann Marchetti (Secretary)	IP	IP	E	IP	E	E						
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Amy Huser	IP	IP	IP	IP	E	IP						
<b>Van Buren County</b>													
Elected County or Municipal Official	Kurt Doroh								IP	IP	A	IP	E
Business that Generates Managed Materials													

IP - Present in Person; V - Participating remotely; E - Excused absence; A - Unexcused absence; A blank spot means the position is vacant

### Public Present

Adams, Jill  
Field, Jaysen  
Plathe, Justin  
Lisa Ransler (V)  
Graves, Genevieve (V)  
Chubb, Deb (V)  
Mandy Wallace (V)

## **1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chair Kalli Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Role call was taken, and it was established that a quorum was present.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

Dave Vollrath moved to “**ACCEPT THE AGENDA.**” John Egelhaaf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of November 17, 2025 Minutes**

Bob Kras moved to “**APPROVE NOVEMBER 17, 2025 MINUTES.**” David Kuhn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **4. Old Business**

### *Working Groups Update*

Schrag presented the recommendations for members for the Policy and Education Working Groups. Schrag stated that candidates were chosen based on their ability to attend in person meetings, whether they had previously been selected to serve on the specific working group, which county they reside in or represent, and their background. She said four of the five policy working groups’ recommendations had previously been selected for the policy working group. Two people from the education working group had previously been selected.

Dave Vollrath made a motion to “**APPROVE OF THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WORKING GROUPS.**” Bob Kras seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### *Public Survey Update*

Schrag gave the committee an update on the public survey for materials management planning, which has gathered 730 responses thus far. The majority of the responses are from Berrien County residents, and many respondents are over the age of 50. Schrag mentioned that reaching the younger generation should be a priority. The survey closes at the end of January 2026.

## **5. Hearings**

None.

## **6. New Business**

### *Policy Prioritization*

Schrag presented a Slido that allowed members to rank topics that the policy working group will need to discuss. This will be used to help the working group prioritize what they discuss first. The top result was researching funding mechanisms for recycling programs, followed by enforcement mechanisms for the plan, and template ordinances for single-hauler contracts.

### *Recycling Goals Assignments and Resources*

Schrag presented a handout received from an attorney, Robert Charles Davis, during a webinar hosted by RRS. In the handout, it speaks about how the local units of government are critical in the implementation of the plan due to their authority for ordinances.

The committee then went through the action items in the recycling goals to discuss responsible parties and resources needed to achieve the goals. Some action items will be revisited at a future date, and some action items will likely be combined to reduce repetitions. Preliminary results of this activity can be found below.

## **7. Public Comment**

None.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

### *2026 Meeting Schedule*

Schrag said that the MMPC survey results showed that the first Wednesday of the month in the afternoon was the most suitable time for the MMPC meetings. She presented a list of scheduled meetings for 2026 based on these results. John Egelhaaf made a motion to “accept the meeting schedule for 2026.” Dave Vollrath seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **9. Adjournment**

Dave Vollrath moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kras supported the motion. Chair Marshall declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Bekah Schrag

December 20, 2025