



Minutes

SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee

Monday, July 21, 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	Nov	Dec
Solid Waste Facility Operator	Bob Kras	IP	A	IP	IP	E	IP	IP				
Hauler	Christopher Phillips (Vice-Chair)	IP	E	IP	IP	A	IP	E				
Materials Recovery Facility Operator	Donovan Kelley		IP	E	IP	A	E	E				
Composting Facility Operator												
Waste Diversion, Reuse, Reduction Facility Operator	Sheila Bergen				IP	IP	IP	IP				
Environmental Interest Group	Kalli Marshall (Chair)	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Elected Township Official	David Kuhn	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Elected City/Village Official	Deah Muth	IP	IP	V	IP	V	IP	E				
Business that generates Managed Materials	Al Pscholka	IP	IP	E	E	A	E	IP				
Regional Planning Agency	John Egelhaaf	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Sovereign Nation	Jennifer Kanine	IP	IP	IP	V	A	IP	IP				
Berrien County												
Elected County or Municipal Official	Dave Vollrath	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Jeff Doroh	IP	IP	IP	E	A	IP	IP				
Cass County												
Elected County or Municipal Official	Roseann Marchetti (Secretary)	IP	IP	E	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Amy Huser	IP	IP	IP	IP	E	IP	IP				
Van Buren County												
Elected County or Municipal Official	Kurt Doroh							IP				
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Robert Baran	IP	IP	A	IP	IP	IP	IP				
IP - Present in Person; V - Participating remotely; E- Excused absence; A - Unexcused absence; A blank spot means the position is vacant												

Public Present

Wallace, Mandy

Brent, Adam

Marchetti, Jerry

Jordan, Patrick

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Kalli Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Role call was taken, and it was established that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of June 16, 2025 Minutes

Chair Kalli Marshall made an amendment to the minutes to include Kurt Doroh as a member of the public that was present at the meeting. Kurt Doroh moved to **“APPROVE JUNE 16, 2025 MINUTES AS AMENDED.”** Dave Vollrath seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Communications

None

5. Old Business

Work Plan Update

Bekah Schrag provided an update on the status of tasks in the work program. Tasks 1 through 3 have been completed, including the initiation of the plan, the formation of the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC), and the submission of the materials management planning grant. Task 4, which involves the development of the Materials Management Plan Area Profile, is mostly complete, with a few subactions still in progress. Task 5 includes some subactions that have yet to be started, including exploring funding mechanisms, drafting model ordinances and policies, as well as engaging a consultant for a potential feasibility study. Task 6 has been started but not completed, which includes preparing and releasing a public survey and writing the draft Materials Management Plan.

Organics Goal Review

Schrag provided a synopsis of the process that has been used up to this point for the creation of the organic goals. This process included engaging the committee on what they wanted to see in the region, then providing speakers and experts in the field to give presentations. The committee then did a solutions activity, and those responses were gathered and formed into the current goals and objectives for organics.

Then, the committee had an opportunity to submit remarks, questions, changes, and ideas for each goal. These remarks will be utilized for the next iteration of goals and objectives for the Materials Management Plan.

6. Hearings

None.

7. New Business

Public Survey Review

Schrag explained that the point of the public survey is to repeat it every few years to see how public knowledge, interest, and behavior have changed over time. Results can also help inform topics of education and outreach that are needed. Three changes were suggested after discussion. Those changes include adding a “somewhat” to question 13, adding a “If no, why not?” to question 11, and changing question 16 to a five point scale for confidence rather than a simple yes or no.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Miscellaneous

Subcommittees

Chair Marshall discussed forming five working groups: one for each county, one for policy, and one for education. Each group would include two seated MMPC members and three additional members, with county groups including at least one elected county official. These groups are expected to begin meeting in October, with meeting frequency depending on each group’s goals.

It was noted that current bylaws define these groups as subcommittees subject to the Open Meetings Act. To allow greater flexibility and encourage participation, an amendment to the bylaws was suggested to formally establish these as “working groups” not subject to OMA requirements.

Suggestions included issuing a press release and sending an email to encourage participation. Jeff Doroh emphasized the importance of establishing clear goals for each group prior to formation. Schrag will provide additional information in the meeting follow-up email.

10. Adjournment

Al Pscholka moved to adjourn the meeting. Kurt Doroh supported the motion. Chair Marshall declared the meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Submitted by:

Bekah Schrag

July 31, 2025