



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

09/18/2025, 1:30 PM

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

Roll Call

- a. Connie Gerrie – present
- b. Leigh Ann Jewell – present
- c. Cindy Johnson – absent
 - i. Bailey B (proxy for Cindy) - present
- d. Rachel Smolinski – present
- e. Ted Fines – absent
- f. Maddie Khuri – absent
- g. Cheryl Neilson – present (virtual)
- h. Susan Avery – absent
- i. Jeff Gehring – absent
- j. John Dietlin – absent
- k. Rob Pellarito – present
- l. Bill Peterson - present
- m. Terry Small – present
- n. Terry Dutcher – absent
 - i. Jamie Soboleski (proxy for Dutcher) – present
- o. Michelle Hamlin – absent

- p. Michelle Knepp – present
- q. David Langley – present
- r. Fairview Facility Manager – absent
- o Resource Recycling Staff Present: Elisa Seltzer, Caitlyn Wouters (virtual)

Last Meeting Minutes Approval

- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 8/22/25
 - o Small motioned, Bondar seconded.
- Approved
- Member requests to include draft meeting minutes in the meeting invite so they can be reviewed in advance.

ReSubmitting the Work Program

- RRS will follow up with next steps once they have gotten a draft approval from EGLE.

Data Worksheets Review and Discussion

- Data review of EGLE Landfill report, RRS-modeled data for MCW materials.
- Update- EGLE Rep will be at a future meeting (DJ) to discuss how rural communities with over 5,000 residents will meet or show progress towards the Benchmark Recycling Standards cost-effectively (Oscoda Charter Township, for example).

Community Engagement

- Discussion on approaches to community engagement including newsletters, mailers.
- Discussion on potential surveys.
- Review of 2022 survey results from Iosco County.
- Interest in developing a survey for each county?
 - o Yes from all counties.
 - o Alpena, Alcona, Oscoda, Montmorency: Yes to residential survey
 - o Iosco: Yes to survey, but needs further discussion to target a different audience/topic than the 2022 survey. Interested in surveying the business community.
- Newsletters – example newsletter reviewed. Could share digital PDFs or print copies for events.

- Quarterly cadence is favored.
- Online format is favored, specific format to be discussed further.
 - Explore more options for online engagement formats.
- Inform: upcoming NextCycle meeting discussing recycling markets Oct 7th in Gaylord MI 10:30 A - 2:00 P

Public Comment

- None

Next Steps:

- Return completed data worksheets.
- Consider content that would be fitting to share in a quarterly newsletter.
- Consider other county meetings where MMP engagement could be added.

Next Meetings Schedule (through 2025):

- Thursday, October 16/2025 1:30pm – 3:00pm
 - Jamie will lead this meeting in place of Bill
- Thursday, November 20/2025 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- Thursday, December 18/ 2025 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn
- Gerrie motioned / Small seconded
 - motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM

Approval

Approved by: *Michelle Knepp* (Secretary)

