

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY MEETING OF THE SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWPC) HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT THE CLINTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 100 E. STATE STREET, ST JOHNS, MICHIGAN 48879.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHARLES HAUSER, JOEL CONN, KRIS JOLLEY, JILL BROWN, TERRY LINK, BRUCE DELONG, CAROLYN BROKOB, GERRIT BANCROFT, TIM FAIR, JULIE POWERS, KATIE FOURNIER

MEMBERS EXCUSED: DAN COSS, JIM SNELL

MEMBERS ABSENT: THERESA LARK

GUESTS: JIM GRANT, TIM KRAUSE, SERENITY SKILLUM, JENNINGS WEST, DAVID BROKOB, TAYLOR BASS, MIKE ELLIS

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Department of Waste Management Coordinator (DWMC) Kate Neese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. DWMC Neese explained that her department manages the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and acts at the Designated Implementing Agency per State requirements.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

DWMC Neese stated according to the by-laws, a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary are to be elected each year. **A motion was made by Member Link to nominate Bruce Delong for the Chairperson position, supported by Member Fair. Motion carried.** Time was offered for additional nominations or comments.

DWMC Neese asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. **A motion was made by Member Conn to nominate himself for the Vice-Chairperson position, supported by Member Hauser. Motion carried.** Time was offered for additional nominations or comments.

DWMC Neese asked for nominations for Secretary. **A motion was made by Member Fair, supported by Member Conn to nominate member Brokob as Secretary. Motion carried.** Time was offered for additional nominations or comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Delong took time for committee member introductions.

Member Fair moved and Conn supported the approval of the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE BY-LAWS

Member Link asked about the two-year term limits. Ms. Neese explained potential future committee requirements due to new materials management legislation. Member Fair asked for clarification on Masons Rules versus Roberts Rules. Discussion was held. Chairperson Delong asked for clarification to be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Neese will be checking into Masons rules versus Roberts Rules and getting back with the committee at the next meeting. **Member Fair made the motion to approve the bylaws as written but also requested clarification of Masons rules versus Roberts rules of order. Member Brokob supported the motion. The motion carried.**

5. APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS/MILAGE VOUCHERS

Ms. Neese explained how committee reimbursements work through the voucher system. **Member Bancroft moved and member Link supported approval of the vouchers. Motion to approve vouchers carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Hauser showed a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included a brief history of Granger as a company, basic landfill construction, landfill gas collection systems, and an explanation of the amendment requests.

No other public comments at this time.

7. REVIEW DRAFT AMMENDMENT LANGUAGE

Ms. Neese introduced the draft amendment language and reviewed key points. Discussion followed.

- Member Brown asked why the original 60 acers was originally closed.
- Tim Krause, an engineer at Granger, explained that it closed over 30 years ago due to changes in the federal guidelines.
- Member Link asked about current land fill capacity and what the timeline was if this new 60 acres is not opened.
- Tim Krause stated that current landfill capacity is twenty years.
- Member Brown asked if Granger was researching what else can be done with the 60 acres (other than using that space for new landfill). Discussion held.
- Member Link asked for clarification about Branch County and the request for trash reciprocity.
- Member Hauser clarified current truck routes are longer (hauling Branch County waste to Calhoun County) and adding Branch County to the SWMP would shorten routes by utilizing the Jackson County transfer station.
- Member Brokob asks if local municipalities would be involved in decision for Granger to open this 60-acre space.
- Member Hauser confirmed yes, the local municipality would continue to be involved.
- Member Brown again asked for clarification on why the 60 acres was originally closed, requested information on what was in the landfill, what system was used due to it being 30 years old, and how Granger intends to monitor and protect the original 60-acre landfill.
- Member Fair agreed having more information would be helpful for the committee to make a decision about the requested amendment.
- Tim Krause agreed to provide more information about the past use of the 60 acres for the committee to review and then discuss at the next meeting.
- Member Link asked about solar use on top of the 60 acres.
- Member Hauser stated Granger believes the best use for the 60 acres in question is for municipal solid waste disposal by way of utilizing the available air space on those 60 acres.

The Draft amendment language will be reviewed at the next public meeting after the committee has time to review the requested information from Granger.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson DeLong asked about schedule of next meeting. Ms. Neese proposed the first week of April and will email committee members with options for next meeting date. Member Powers asked Granger to provide more information about the closed landfill before the next meeting, thus giving members time to review. Member Hauser stated that this committee is one step in a multi-step process for Granger to be able to use the airspace on the 60 acres in question for new landfill space. Member Hauser added that Granger is working closely with state agencies to properly engineer this proposed project. **Member Fair moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m. and Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn carried.**

Bruce DeLong, Chairperson

Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator