

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY MEETING OF THE SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWPC) HELD TUESDAY APRIL 11, 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, DAN COSS, JIM SNELL

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** THERESA LARK

**GUESTS:** SERENITY SKILLMAN, JIM BRANT, STEVE BLAYOR, NANCY CLARK COLEMAN, DAVID COLEMAN, JOHN ZIMMERMAN, TAYLOR BASS, DAVID BARTKARAK, TIM KRAUSE

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Department of Waste Management Coordinator (DWMC) Kate Neese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. DWMC Neese explained that her department manages the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and acts as the Designated Implementing Agency per State requirements.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS/MILAGE VOUCHERS**

Member Coss moved to approve vouchers and member Link supported approval of the vouchers. Motion to approve vouchers carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

Member Fair moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented and Member Conn supported the approval of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. Motion to approve the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Nancy Clark Coleman from People's Action League expressed concern about Granger's expansion into Branch County, asked for clarification on Granger's objectives. Also expressed concerns about the landfill and how it would potentially affect the surrounding area homes and water supply.
- Steve Blayer, current Granger employee (Former EGLE regulator with the State of Michigan) gave comment about Granger; stating his experience in working with them has always been positive and felt they held higher company standards than what state and federal policy dictates they follow.
- Tim Krause, Head Granger Engineer with Granger gave a presentation on the two proposed amendments to the current Solid Waste Management Plan. The presentation gave an overview of administrative processes and potential uses for the site, reviewed how Granger follows all state and federal regulations and asked the committee to vote in favor of approving the proposed amendments.

**6. DISCUSSION**

- Committee member Coss stated that the currently closed landfill does not have any issues and follows regulations. There are no other sites like this in Michigan.
- Committee member Fair asked who owned this landfill before granger – Nancy Clark Coleman stated that it was previously owned by Herman Miller.
- Committee member Brown asked if a third party could confirm and cross examine all the steps that Granger has laid out in its plan to build this new site. Kate Neese explained the many steps in the process for Granger to have this new site approved – going through EGLE’s processes after the county, if approved by the committee.
- Member Snell asked if this new cell does get built, how much time will it add to current capacity. Tim Krause stated that it would add 10-15 years of capacity.

**7. REVIEW DRAFT AMMENDMENT LANGUAGE**

- Committee members Brown and Snell commented about separating the two amendment requests. Discussion held.

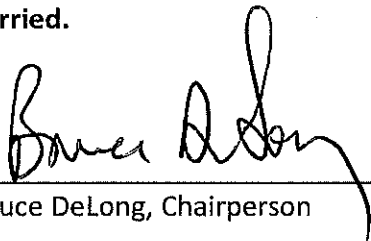
**Committee member Fair moved to adopt the resolution language as presented and Committee member Bancroft supported this motion. A roll call vote was called and the motion carried 7 yays to 6 nays.**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Kate Neese explained that there will be a 90-day public comment period. Comments should be submitted to Clinton County Department of Waste Management through email [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) or written mail 100 East State Street, Suite 1500, St Johns, MI 48879 BEFORE Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. A public hearing to review all public comments has been set for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to be held at the Clinton County Courthouse in the Board of Commissioners Room. Committee members requested to have an EGLE contact invited to the next meeting to be available for questions. Kate Neese will send a request to EGLE. **Member Fair moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14p.m and Member Bancroft seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn carried.**

  
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 Bruce DeLong, Chairperson

  
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 Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator