

LEELANAU COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL

Date: APRIL 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Location: Leelanau County Government Center (Commissioners Meeting Room)

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AMENDED DRAFT AGENDA

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- CALL TO ORDER**
- ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENT**
- STAFF COMMENTS**
- CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 3, 2024 MINUTES** *pgs. 2-5*

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Update on MMP (Dave Schaffer, Resource Recovery Dept. Manager, G.T. County)
 2. Approve Mailing for 2024 *pgs. 6-7*
 3. Leland School composting liaison (Ross)
 4. School composting surveys (Fletcher)
 5. Volunteer sign-up at recycling sites
 6. **Composting workshop – Poor Farm Barn Gardens**

- COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- STAFF COMMENTS**
- MEMBER / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

SWC Members

Marcia Harris-Chair
Andrew Gale-Vice Chair
John Fletcher-Chair Pro-Tem
Lois Bahle
Kathy Cavanaugh
Tom MacDonald
Tom Petersen
Carrie Sharp
Kama Ross

Ex-officio: Mark Bevelhymmer
Jim Palmer



A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AT THE LEELANAU COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Lois Bahle. The meeting was held at the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Dr., Suttons Bay MI.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: L. Bahle, K. Cavanaugh, A. Gale, J. Fletcher, M. Harris, T. MacDonald, T. Petersen, C. Sharp, K. Ross

Members Absent: None

Ex-officio Members Present: None

Ex-officio Members Absent: M. Bevelhymmer, J. Palmer
(prior notice)

Staff: G. Myer, Interim Planning Director, J. Herman, Planning Secretary

Public: D. Allen

Bahle introduced new member Marcia Harris. She started with the SWC since 2012 and has years of experience. Harris said it was good to be back.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Allen gave a brief background of herself to members. She thanked members for their work in the county. She said the Materials Management Plan (MMP) is a mandate from the State and when completed will replace the Solid Waste Management Plan. She said if they choose to be independent, they will get \$60,000.00 towards the MMP or if they choose to work with neighboring counties, then they will get \$70,000.00. Allen and Myer will be meeting with Benzie County and Grand Traverse County to have a more in-depth discussion to see what the benefits are of working together. Bahle suggested it would be beneficial to work in a tri-county regional approach.

Myer asked Gale if he had any proposed times set for the Electronics Collection dates. Gale said they will be from 10AM-2PM with the possibility of evening collections. He will work on official times and let Planning staff know for advertising. Gale said he is looking into creating a sign-up link on his website to get an idea of how many participants they are expecting per collection. Myer said there will be no shredding this year.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Ross said someone came to her that doesn't like the name Solid Waste Council. Myer will need to look

into whether they can change the name or not.

Discussion ensued

Agenda approved the agenda as presented by consensus.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST- None.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Election of Officers

Chairman

Motion by Bahle, seconded by Gale, to nominate Harris as Chairman.

Nominations were closed.

Motion carried 9-0.

Vice-Chairman

Motion by Ross, seconded by Sharp, to nominate Gale as Vice-Chairman.

Nominations were closed.

Motion carried 9-0.

Chairman Pro-Tem

Motion by Ross, seconded by Sharp, to nominate Fletcher as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Nominations were closed.

Motion carried 9-0.

Review and Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Harris reviewed the document and stated that there were no changes made.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Fletcher, to adopt the Rules of Procedure as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

Consideration of 2024 Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued on possibly adding more meeting dates. Myer noted that it depends on the room availability to host the meetings and that the reason they cut back on their meetings was because there were no action items.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Ross, to adopt the 2024 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

2024 Goals

Cavanaugh suggested they pursue more public outreach in the communities, community events and online. Fletcher has agreed to post informational content posted on the Overheard in Leelanau Facebook page with approval. Petersen would like to keep goal #3 because they are not done with the project. Sharp brought up presence at events and will let members know when events are. Bahle has gathered a list of

Suttons Bay short term rentals for outreach on recycling. Gale mentioned putting together a free gift bag with recycling information, placards, stickers, etc.

Discussion on goals continued.

Members agreed to the following goals for 2024.

1. Increase public outreach on recycling
2. Continue exploring and supporting Composting
3. Pursue drinking fountain conversion kits
4. Increase presence at community events
5. Pilot a short-term rental program to improve recycling efforts

CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MINUTES

Motion by Cavanaugh, seconded by Ross, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mailing for 2024

(Sharp left meeting)

Cavanaugh would like items that can be recycled on the post card. Bahle suggested the front of the postcard be positive and, on the backside, have the items that are not recyclable and also include recycling site locations. Ross showed members a flyer that GFL provided and is not county approved for distribution.

Discussion ensued

Planning staff will work on the postcard and present to members at the next meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- None.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

HHW Collection volumes/Recycling volumes

Ross was impressed with the information and that it now includes mattress recycling. Petersen said the Empire recycling site had a mattress, six tires, and several cans of paint. At the Glen Lake School, there were mechanic parts from an engine. He said the Cedar site needs a fence. Myer said GFL can invoice the County at any time for picking up the unaccepted materials. They have put more effort in cleaning up the sites. Gale is happy to volunteer at the Cedar location. Bill Perkins cleans Suttons Bay and Peshawbestown recycling sites. The Lions Club cleans the Northport site and Fletcher cleans the Governmental Center site. Harris would like to discuss a volunteer sign up for site clean up for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Fletcher said GFL has switched their trash bags from the red bags to now green bags. The issue is that the thickness of the green bags are thinner than the red bags and the red bags were slightly larger. Cavanaugh said there are a lot of complaints on Facebook on the cost of GFL services. Harris said it is not an issue they can deal with because it is a contractor. Gale asked if maybe the green bags are bio-degradable? He will ask Mark Bevelhymer and get back with members.

MEMBER/CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Gale expressed his gratitude for Planning staff and said if there was any way he could help to let him know.

ADJOIURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:22 p.m.

DRAFT

We do NOT want your junk! Place your unwanted items in your garbage, or call a scrap hauler. Or, put it at the end of your driveway with a 'Free' sign. DO NOT leave it at any of our recycling sites, and do not place in the recycling containers. Any items left on the ground are considered "Junk" and subject to prosecution, as a violation of

Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.8902.

Only materials listed on the containers are acceptable, and they are to be placed in the containers.

All recycling sites are monitored 24/7 by surveillance cameras.
Violators will be prosecuted with a fine up to \$2,500 plus disposal cost!



Q. I have plastic toys, play gyms and lawn chairs. Can I place in the containers?

A. **No!** Even though these are plastic, we do not collect these items in our containers.

Q. I have leftover paint and nice furniture that is still good. Can I place them at a recycling site for someone to re-use?

A. **No!** Items can not be left outside the containers - our sites are not 'swap' areas. Paint is a hazardous material - call 256-9812 for an appointment to properly dispose of paint.

Q. Can businesses drop off materials like cardboard and glass?

A. **No!** The county's recycling program is **for households ONLY**. Households pay a fee on their winter tax bill for this service. Businesses do not pay this fee. And, we can't handle the volumes generated by businesses. Please contact a hauler to collect materials from your business.

Q. How can I get rid of shrink wrap (for boat storage)?

A. Call the Michigan Recycling Coalition at 989-780-7456

No Bulky Items or Junk *Sin articulos voluminosos*

No Tangles, (No hoses, wires, chains or electronics) *No tire objetos que se puedan enredar*

No Scrap Metal or Wood *Sin chatarra de metal o madera*

No Food or Liquid *No tire comida ni liquidos*

No Hazardous Waste *Sin materiales peligrosos*

Keep our Recycling Sites Clean!

Visit leelanau.gov or call 231-256-9812 for information and appointments for: Household Hazardous Waste/Electronics/ Document Shredding events and for Tire & Mattress Recycling

RECYCLE

AT THESE DROP OFF SITES

Cedar

Behind Bunting's Cedar Market

Empire Village

Fisher St., east of LaCore Rd.

Glen Arbor

at The Leelanau School

Glen Lake School

Near building, facing the football field

Greilickville

Cherry Bend Rd. at the old fire station

Northport

Mill St.

Peshawbestown

M-22, north of the gas station

Suttons Bay

Leelanau County Government Center
and
at the Road Commission on E. Eckerle Rd.

We accept household items ONLY: Paper, Cardboard and Cartons, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Jars & Jugs, Glass Bottles & Jars. Place all recycling materials in the bin. NEVER leave items on the ground.

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