

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 AT THE LEELANAU COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

Proceedings of the meeting were recorded and are not the official record of the meeting. The formally approved written copy of the minutes will be the official record of the meeting.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Harris, J. Fletcher, A. Gale, T. MacDonald, P. Deering

Members Absent: L. Bahle, C. Sharp, M. Bevelhymmer, (ad-hoc member)
(prior notice) J. Palmer (ad-hoc member)

Members Absent: T. Bolin, M. Lautner

Staff: T. Galla, Director, G. Myer, Senior Planner

Public: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Galla updated members on 2022 Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections (HHW) dates and the new online scheduler residents can use to sign up. Staff is working on the 2022 advertising. It is more cost effective to purchase a certain number of inches in the *Enterprise* for advertising.

Galla continued, saying the road commission recycling site is moving forward. They refused the annual host site payment of \$3,600.00, instead accepted \$5.00 for the five-year lease and they are bidding out the work for the site. It will be a while before the site is up and running. Galla then mentioned the recycling bins located at the Governmental Center, saying that one new sign went up along the driveway. The others will have to wait until the ground thaws. The bins are working out great, no issues so far. The sign for the Glen Lake School recycling site never went up last year. There was some discussion about moving the bins over by the bus garage and possibly putting in two more bins because there used to be four of them located at that site.

Galla concluded by mentioning the Material Management Planning Committee(MMPC). She has been attending the virtual meetings, with the discussion revolving around changes to Part 115 and what might be done with the Solid Waste Management Plan in the future. They are actively getting counties involved to find out what they want to see and if they want to change their plans.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gale, seconded by Fletcher, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 4, 2022 MINUTES

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Fletcher, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

HHW – contract amendment with ERG

Galla reviewed the amended contract and pointed out the following changes:

1. No longer charging us when the participants go over a certain number.
2. Clean Sweep pesticides at \$1.20/lb.
3. Batteries at \$1.00/lb.
4. Latex paint at \$0.30/lb.

Galla said that this and the increases in the Comprenew contract will result in an increased cost to the SWC of approximately \$10,000.00 per collection. If they need to, they can always cut back to three collections in 2023.

Motion by Gale, seconded by Fletcher, recommending the County Board accept the amended HHW contract with ERG. Motion carried 5-0.

Electronics – contract amendment with Comprenew

Galla reviewed the amended contract and pointed out the following changes:

1. Miscellaneous electronics will be charged at \$0.20/lb. now.
2. Onsite labor fee will be \$1750.00/collection.
3. Shredding at \$0.32/lb.
4. Flat screen monitors will now be \$0.07/lb.

Motion by Gale, seconded by Fletcher, recommending the County Board accept the amended HHW contract with Comprenew. Motion carried 5-0.

Tire Collection – contract with ERG (1 drop-off event)

Galla stated this contract is for one collection to be held at the Glen Lake School. ERG gave a discount for having two trailers on site, so the cost went down to \$10,000.00. Galla pointed out that Items A and B in the contract are reflective of what they get in the grant from the state. The state determines how much they can get reimbursed per trailer and how much they can get reimbursed per tire. Item B is ERG's administrative cost of \$800.00.

Motion by Gale, seconded by Fletcher, recommending the County Board accept the agreement with ERG for one tire collection. Motion carried 5-0.

Tire Collection – contract with ERG (1 mobile event)

Galla explained this contract is for a mobile event where ERG brings their trailer to the site, the property owner supplies the labor needed to get the tires to the trailer and pays \$1.00/tire. They will be going back to a site in Suttons Bay, from last year, because they couldn't get all of the tires.

Discussion ensued on properties with large piles of tires.

Galla stated the cost for the collection is \$12,800.00 which covers ERG's labor costs. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) did give the SWC \$10,000.00 for tire collection.

Motion by Fletcher, seconded by Gale, recommending the County Board accept the agreement with ERG for one mobile tire event. Motion carried 5-0.

Recycling Ambassadors for recycling sites

Harris mentioned the new logo and said she spoke to the Glen Lake Chamber about recycling ambassadors. Their marketing person developed this new logo at no cost. Unfortunately, no organization within the chamber volunteered to be recycling ambassadors. Harris continued, saying she wasn't sure they should have people actually picking things up at the sites, shouldn't they call staff. Galla responded that they would be asked to keep an eye out for things left outside the bins. Cardboard can easily be broken down and put into the bins. They should call if larger items are left. Harris said the response from the Solon Township Lions Club was that they are too busy this year. Putting an article in the newspaper about the recycling ambassadors could help make people aware that they are being watched.

Galla mentioned that the Northport Lions Club unanimously accepted being recycling ambassador for their site.

Deering suggested using people who are on probation and need community service. Galla said the courts have some requirements, someone needs to be there saying they showed up, and for how long. Inmates aren't taken out to do work anymore because it's not cost effective. She will check with the courts again regarding this option. Fletcher suggested that SWC members could take turns spending a couple hours at a site this summer. Deering commented that schools may have kids that need to do something, senior requirements for community service.

Mattress Recycling

Galla said they received \$6,000.00 from GTB for mattress recycling. It is her understanding, that Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) is the only company here in the area that can handle this. She would like to go to the County Board, with a request to do a sole source agreement, and then work out the details with BARC.

Gale said BARC has a permanent drop off location and they do special events all over the place. Some places have a trailer parked at their place, and when its full, BARC will pick up the trailer. People can also schedule a pickup at their home by going on line, and BARC will help to load if needed. BARC currently charges \$20.00 for a twin, and \$30.00 for everything else. MacDonald asked Gale how many mattresses could fit into a trailer. Gale responded that a trailer could hold around 120 mattresses of mixed sizes.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Fletcher, requesting the County Board let the SWC pursue a sole source agreement with Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) for a mattress recycling event. Motion carried 4-0. (Gale abstained.)

Mailing for 2022

Galla informed members that she would like to send out postcards letting residents know not to leave their junk at the recycling sites. They will include violation language and the possible fine because they can be prosecuted. The *Enterprise* can print them and mail them out.

Discussion ensued on what information should be included on the postcards.

Fletcher mentioned campgrounds with long- and short-term visitors who felt the owners did not provide adequate information about recycling. How can they get this information to these types of visitors? Galla said they could certainly print extras to be distributed to places like this. Galla can get a list from equalization and SWC members could help distribute them.

***Motion by Gale, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the mailing for 2022, not to exceed \$5,000.00.
Motion carried 5-0.***

Gale mentioned that Grand Traverse County's website has Recycle Smart which allows you to type in whatever you have and it will tell you where and how to recycle it. Can we get that link here? Galla said she already pursued this but the price is high, around \$7,000.00 a year. It would need to be approved by the County Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gale mentioned Sarna Salzman, from SEEDS, who teamed up with BARC. They have been meeting for the past year with FLOWS, working towards applying for Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) grant money to be used for composting. The idea being to improve local composting, expansion, and allowing other counties to participate. Providing education so people can do it in their own backyard, drop off locations, getting schools involved, reduce, reuse.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMENTS

Galla discussed cameras at the recycling sites and the difficulties getting all of them connected to WIFI so that staff can review the footage. Gale asked if he has permission to go look at the footage in Cedar since it isn't connected. Galla said they should mention the cameras on the postcards. Gale agreed, and said it needs to be on there, along with violation information. Galla said Elmwood recycling site will have four cameras, catching the license plates on the way in and out.

Galla concluded by reviewing the hand out in the agenda packet showing the responses collected so far on the HHW online signup and saying that even if you have items that Goodwill can't sell, they have ways of disposing of the items so others can make use of them. Gale agreed and said even if you only have one shoe, Goodwill will take it.

MEMBER/CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by MacDonald, seconded by Fletcher, meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.