

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 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 Director Galla. The meeting was held at the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Dr., Suttons Bay MI.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** M. Harris, L. Bahle, J. Fletcher, T. Bolin, A. Gale, T. MacDonald, M. Lautner

**Members Absent:** C. Sharp  
(prior notice)

**Members Absent:** P. Deering

**Ex-officio Members Present:** J. Palmer, M. Bevelhymer

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

**Public:** Bill Perkins

**PUBLIC COMMENT** -None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Galla informed members that she is currently working on dates for the four 2022 Hazardous Waste & Electronics collections. She is also planning on holding a tire recycling collection and possibly a mattress collection in the fall.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Bahle requested adding “Recognition of Bill Perkins” as “New Business Item D.”

*Motion by Bolin, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.*

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – None

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

**Election of Officers**

Chairman

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

*Motion by Lautner, seconded by Bolin, to nominate Gale as Chairman.*

Gale thanked members for the nomination, but declined.

*With no further nominations, the motion on the table carried 7-0.*

#### Vice-Chairman

*Motion by Bolin, seconded by Lautner, to nominate Gale as Vice-Chairman. With no further nominations, the motion carried 7-0.*

#### Chairman Pro-Tem

*Motion by Bahle, seconded by Bolin, to nominate Fletcher as Chairman Pro-Tem. With no further nominations, the motion carried 7-0.*

**(Lautner left to attend another meeting 1:10)**

#### Review and Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Galla stated that no proposed changes were made. Bahle pointed out that a lot of time has been spent on security and maintenance of the recycling sites and it is not mentioned. Is that something they should include? Palmer stated that it was mentioned in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Bahle questioned Section 9.3 because it says “request must be in writing.” Does this include email? Galla confirmed that an email would suffice.

*Motion by Bolin, seconded by Fletcher, to adopt the Rules of Procedure as presented. Motion carried 6-0.*

#### Consideration of 2022 Meeting Schedule

Bevelhymmer requested changed the July meeting from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, and changing the September meeting from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Members agreed with the changes.

*Motion by Bahle, seconded by Bolin, to adopt the 2022 meeting schedule as amended. Motion carried 6-0.*

#### 2022 Goals

Bahle suggested the following goals:

1. Establish new sites in Suttons Bay, Leland and at the Governmental Center.
2. Establish a second site in Elmwood Township.
3. Explore composting.
4. Find ways to eliminate single use water bottles at the Governmental Center.

MacDonald wanted to be more generic on the number of new sites they want to establish. Members agreed to change the second goal to read: “Explore additional recycling sites.”

*Motion by Bahle, seconded by Gale, to accept the 2022 Goals. Motion carried 6-0.*

## **CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES**

*Motion by Bolin, seconded by Fletcher, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Recycling sites

Galla updated members on the proposed Popp Rd. recycling site, saying that even though the prior board approved the site and followed through on the initial work, the new board doesn't want to move forward with it. The cost is an issue and there is some opposition to having a site there, but she isn't giving up yet.

Galla continued, mentioning pushback now from neighbors near the Leland site. The property owners did request and receive an extension on the agreement through May of 2022. Parking was an issue in the summer, causing difficulty for the drivers trying to empty the bins.

Galla continued, saying they received a one-year extension on the Cedar site agreement and cameras will be installed soon. Four bins will be delivered to the Government Center this week with signs coming soon. Galla was hoping to have the Road Commission site up and running first, but the attorneys have been working on the agreement since November. It will be on the County Board's agenda next week though. Once it is approved, work will need to be done at the site before it will be ready to go.

Discussion ensued on signs for sites.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### HHW/Electronics services for 2022

Galla said that both Comprenew and ERG are struggling because their costs have gone up so much and neither company included an annual increase in their contracts. Galla reviewed the proposed contracts from both companies which included some increases and asked if they wanted to accept the offers as they are, or negotiate some of the increases? Both companies have the ability to break their contracts if they want. Meaning this would have to be bid out, and who knows what those would come back at.

Discussion ensued.

Perkins questioned what ERG did with the latex paint. Galla mentioned possibly cutting back to three

collections. Bevelhymer said they should make the proposals work. It doesn't hurt to bargain, but if they end up having to bid it out, the same companies can come back with higher proposals.

***Motion by Bolin, seconded by Gale, for Galla to negotiate the best prices and structures for the contracts with Comprenew and ERG for the HHW & Electronics collections. Motion carried 6-0.***

#### Discussion – adopt a site

Galla suggested getting volunteers to help keep the recycling sites clean.

Discussion ensued on people/groups that could help.

#### Newsletter/Mailing for 2022

Galla mentioned the newsletter that Harris suggested last year. She would like to send out a mailer letting residents know that the sites are being monitored so don't leave your junk.

MacDonald said that would also show people that they are working on eliminating issues at the sites.

#### Recognition of Bill Perkins

Bahle and Harris presented Perkins with a plaque and members thanked him for his 30 years of service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None.

**COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Galla mentioned that she was looking into some other potential recycling sites. Also, the bylaws state “should any member of the Council miss three (3) consecutive regular meetings, continued membership will be evaluated at the next meeting, and notification will be sent to the Board of Commissioners.” She will be keeping track of how many absences members have and following this procedure.

#### **MEMBER/CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS**

Bahle mentioned the host site payment and stated that maybe it should be based on the number of bins at a site.

Discussion ensued on schools hosting a site and also using the bins.

Bevelhymer said each county is different when it comes to recycling sites. In some they are located on Government property, others on township property.

Perkins mentioned zoning issues when trying to locate a recycling site.

**ADJOIURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:23 p.m.**