

**LEELANAU COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWMPC)**

NOTICE OF MEETING

The **Leelanau County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SWMPC)** will meet at the Leelanau County Government Center on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** at the conclusion of the Solid Waste Council meeting (approximate start time-2:30 pm)

(Please silence any unnecessary cellular/electronic devices)

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF COMMENTS

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF JULY 6, 2021 MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Amendment to Solid Waste Plan

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

MEMBER / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Members

Bill Perkins – Chairman
Marcia Harris – Vice-Chair
Jim Palmer – Chair Pro-Tem
Lois Bahle
Mark Bevelhymmer
Tim Bolin
Pat Deering
John Fletcher
Andrew Gale
Melinda Lautner
Tom MacDonald
Carrie Sharp
2 Open Positions

*(Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded and are not the official record of the meeting;
the formally approved/accepted written copy of the minutes will be the official record of the meeting.)*

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWMPC) WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 AT THE LEELANAU COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Perkins. The meeting was held at the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Dr., Suttons Bay MI.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: None.
(Via Zoom)

Members Present: B. Perkins, T. Bolin, J. Fletcher, A. Gale, J. Palmer, M. Bevelhymer, C. (At Government Center) Sharp, M. Lautner, L. Bahle, D. McCulloch, T. MacDonald, P. Deering

Members Absent: M. Harris.
(prior notice)

Members Absent: None.

Staff: T. Galla, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

The phone number for public comment was announced.

No public comments received.

STAFF COMMENTS – None.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion by McCulloch, seconded by Bolin, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried 12-0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES

(Lautner stepped out of room)

Motion by McCulloch, seconded by Bolin, to accept minutes as presented. Motion carried 11-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Amendment to Solid Waste Plan
Import/Export Authorization or Agreements

Galla said there are some things in the plan that can be removed, such as things that are no longer existing or in operation. The reciprocal agreements can be removed also. Galla continued, saying the state is moving towards what they call a Materials Management Plan (MMP), and they will be removing import/export tables. What they

could do is acquire agreements with the actual facilities instead of the county, if that is what they want to do. They will need the Solid Waste Ordinance, agreements with facilities and a permit process. The county attorney is able to help with the process, which will take some time. The Solid Waste Plan would be updated, removing the import/export with counties, instead name facilities. The agreements with the facilities would not be part of the Solid Waste Plan. Perkins asked for clarification of what the Solid Waste Ordinance was. Galla explained it was adopted by the county several years ago and focused on putting a fee in place that they collected at the landfill. According to the Solid Waste Plan, any waste going out of this county, to a place not identified in the plan, is illegal and we should be acting on it.

Palmer stated the county is liable for its garbage, but by saying it can go anywhere in the state, might help limit some of that. You can probably eliminate the liability because you are not directing your garbage to any certain facility. By doing agreements, you probably have to put verbiage in that says they hold you harmless. This is just going to hurt Glen's Landfill, you might as well open up to the state. Palmer continued, saying the only place he can get business from is Benzie, Grand Traverse and a little bit of Antrim. Perkins stated that they needed to have an agreement with the Water's facility. Palmer said having an agreement with the facility in Waters will benefit the county, but not Glen's Landfill. The county should have as many options as possible. Perkins questioned why it didn't include recycling. Palmer said it's about disposal, not recycling.

Discussion ensued on Part 115 and materials recovery facilities (MRF's).

Bevelhymer stated GFL can take recycling from anywhere in Michigan, whether it is in your plan or not. Palmer said they should get as many agreements as they can, even though after 100 miles there is probably not a point to it. Perkins questioned if they needed to consider composting facilities. In 20 years, maybe composting will be much bigger than it is now. Gale said the state was using this as a way to protect the counties, and have some accountability as to where their trash ended up. Palmer said to find out what the state is going to require them to do. Whatever state requires us to do to put county in better place is what we should do. Perkins stated that if the state doesn't require it, we won't do it. Deering commented that the state already requires anything over 200 yards to be registered. Galla said the states new Materials Management Plan is several years away from being complete. Gale said they may be premature updating the plan, but if there are things in the plan that need to be updated to help the county, then they should move forward with it.

Bahle said knowing that the MMP may change dramatically, they might want to just do a minimal number of changes in the existing plan, if they are required to do that. Do a letter attached as Galla had suggested, with a page-by-page list for the plan amendment. Galla explained that once they decide how the plan will look and what the changes are, it goes out to every township and village in the county. They need 2/3 approval by them, before taking it to the County Board for their approval. Once the County Board approves it, it goes to the state for their approval.

Perkins stated they are just at the point of gathering information, reaching out to landfills and transfer stations to see if they will do an agreement. Gale stated that Part 115, if passed, may not require that though. Perkins said okay, let's just sit tight and wait for Part 115 to pass then. Are they going to back up their plan or amend it? She is looking for direction from the SWC. Members agreed to move forward with obtaining agreements while amending the plan.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMENTS – None

MEMBER/CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS – None

ADJOIURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 3 p.m.