

Heartland MMP Committee Meeting

Gladwin County Building
401 W. Cedar Ave., Gladwin, MI 48624
Friday, June 20, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Sheila Barnaby called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Roll Call: Chair, Gratiot County DPA Sheila Barnaby, Isabella County MRF Charity Sweet, RDPA Jake Borton, Mecosta County DPA Annette Coles, Gratiot Conservation District Ladean Anderson, Clare County Lori Phelps, Gladwin County Tami O'Donnell, Isabella County Frank Engler, Mecosta County Mecosta Recycles Paul Griffith, Waste Management Keith Hayes, Granger Waste Services Joel Hofman, Saint-Gobain PPL Bernard Jake McBride, City of Midland Scott O'Laughlin, Osceola County Scott Stieg, Midland County Health Dept. Steve Stoddard, and Melanie Thume.

Others Present: Michigan EGLE Daniel 'DJ' Droste, Isabella County Helen Lee,

Present by Zoom: Mecosta County Chris Zimmerman, Mecosta Recycles Elvira Rajala-Wilk,

Approval of Agenda: Chair Barnaby requested a change; asking that the designee/alternate be changed to discussion with no vote today. A motion was made by C. Sweet and seconded by L. Phelps to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment, agenda items only: No one present made comment.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by L. Phelps and supported by C. Sweet, to approve April 25, 2025, meeting minutes as presented: Motion carried, and minutes were placed on file.

Amendment to Bylaws: *Appointment of seated positions.*

- Sheila presented nominated names of Annette Coles, Frank Engler and Charity Sweet for both vice-chair and secretary.
- F. Engler requested that one of the others take the positions. Both candidates agreed it would be ok.
- After discussion a motion was made by F. Engler to accept nomination as presented and cast a unanimous vote to appoint C. Sweet to Vice-Chair; motion supported and approved unanimously.
- After discussion a motion was made by F. Engler to accept nominations as presented and cast a unanimous vote to appoint A. Coles to Secretary; motion supported and approved unanimously.

Amendment To Bylaws: Designee/Alternates Discussion

- There was discussion on how the board could continue to move forward if an individual board seat was unable to attend.
- After member discussion, the following was recommended;
 - There can be an alternate/designee for each voting member of the committee.
 - Each designee/alternate must be approved by the committee.

MEETING MINUTES

Un-Approved

- Arranging for an alternate shall be the responsibility of the member who was unable to attend the meeting.
- Each board member shall notify the chair of any alternate/designee who will attend on that board members behalf.
- There shall be no more than one designee/alternate at any given time from any one county at the same meeting.
- All designee/alternate candidates shall be approved by the committee before allowing them to participate in any meeting.
- Chair Barnaby will create a policy and Google form for alternate/designee.

Work Plan: Ready for submittal

- The board reviewed the work plan for submittal to EGLE/MMP and thanked all for the hard work and time spent on putting this together. Work plan is ready to move forward.
- A motion was made by A. Coles and supported by L. Phelps to approve the work plan as submitted; Motion approved unanimously.

Updates:

- J. Borton, RDPA, gave an overview and update of hosting meetings.
- Discussion was had on Counties which host meetings and extra printing.
 - Each county, when hosting, will be responsible for getting the room ready, including sound (when applicable), zoom, extra agendas and other printed material to be handed out at meetings.
- Conversation was had on Senators requesting and pushing for funding to be released. This is due to the wording “shall” in legislation.
- Reminders that the per Capita funding is good for three (3) years through 2027. Along with the Grant funding being for five (5) years through 2029.
- Gave update of MRF expansion;
 - Project still needs approx. 8-10 Mil.
 - Has a revised bid for the project.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by F. Engler to adjourn and supported by C. Sweet.
Meeting adjourned at 11:29AM.

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Hosted by: Gratiot County, Ithaca (S. Barnaby), 214 E Center St., Ithaca, 48847