

Motion to Clarify Use of ARPA Funds for the NMMMA Materials Recovery Facility Development

Date:

Motion by:

Supported by:

WHEREAS, Alpena County has been allocated funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to support economic recovery and development; and

WHEREAS, Alpena County previously allocated \$500,000 in ARPA funds to Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA) on March 24, 2022 for matching grant funding;

WHEREAS, the NMMMA is committed to advancing sustainable waste management practices and enhancing the recycling infrastructure in Northeast Michigan and Alpena County is serving as the Designated Planning Agency for Materials Management Planning for the Counties of Alpena, Alcona, Oscoda, Iosco, and Montmorency ; and

WHEREAS, the development of a \$5.5 M Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Alpena County will provide significant environmental, economic, and community benefits, including improved waste diversion rates, job creation, and long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed MRF project encompasses critical phases including design, engineering, site work, utilities, building construction, equipment acquisition, grant match requirements, and preconstruction costs; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of \$500,000 in ARPA funds will substantially support the development and realization of the MRF project, thereby benefiting the residents of Alpena County and the broader region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the use of the \$500,000 from the County's ARPA funds to the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA) for the development of the Materials Recovery Facility, including but not limited to:

1. Design and Engineering:

- Professional services required for the design and engineering of the MRF.

2. Site Work and Utilities:

- Site preparation, grading, and installation of necessary utilities to support the facility.

3. Building Construction:

- Construction of the MRF building and associated structures.

4. Equipment Acquisition:

- Purchase and installation of necessary equipment for the operation of the MRF.

5. Grant Match:

- Funds to be used as a match for any additional grants received to support the project.

6. Preconstruction Costs:

- Expenses related to project planning, permitting, and other preliminary activities necessary to initiate construction.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:**
- **Nays:**
- **Absent:**

Certification:

I, _____, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Alpena County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held on _____.

Signature: _____ **Name:** _____ **Title:** Clerk of the Board of Commissioners