

Heartland MMP Committee Meeting

Gratiot County Building
214 E Center St., Ithaca, 48847
Friday, July 18, 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, RDPA Jake Borton, Mecosta County DPA Annette Coles, Gratiot Conservation District Ladean Anderson, Clare County Lori Phelps, Isabella County Frank Engler, Mecosta County Mecosta Recycles Paul Griffith, Saint-Gobain PPL Bernard Jake McBride, Midland County Health Dept. Steve Stoddard, Jason Moore, and Gladwin County Tami O'Donnell.

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

Present by Zoom: Granger Waste Services Joel Hofman, City of Midland Scott O'Laughlin, Mecosta County Chris Zimmerman, Osceola Tim Ladd, Osceola County Scott Stieg, 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 and guest speaker Christina Miller be added. A motion was made by L. Phelps and seconded by F. Engler to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried but is not officially approved as no quorum is present.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- There was not a quorum present so the minutes are not able to be approved and will be moved to the next agenda for approval.
- Annette reviewed changes that were brought to her attention and will send a new copy with changes to all for approval at the next meeting.

Review of Work Plan; Christina Miller, discussion

- C. Miller went over the program that was submitted and denied as submitted for corrections that need to be done.
- Changes were addressed through a power point which was provided by C. Miller.
- Need to make things the same for all and generic as within the FSR example provided on the web site.
- A. Coles sent a link to all during the meeting to find the FSR example.
- All counties have funds available through the grant just need to request reimbursement.
- Went over each county budget as submitted. Only need description and amount. Remove all other items. Simple is better for all to understand.

MEETING MINUTE NOTES

Un-Approved

- Once the plan is approved each county receives the approved budget form spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will give a running total available and what was spent.
- About 67 counties work plans have been submitted across the state, 30-35 have been approved.
- The timeline is not set for the funds to be released or sent back.
- The neater we can be on items submitted, the quicker reimbursement can happen. Organize your receipts when submitting.
- The progress report should be the same for all parties and submitted by one person to keep track of.
- Work program is the grant application.
- Getting the work plan approved is the number one priority.
- Jake as the DPA, will submit on the committee's behalf.

Updates:

- J. Borton, RDPA, thanked C. Miller for reaching out and communicating the issues with the work plan.
- We are close to getting the work plan finalized.
- Look forward to the future of the funding moving forward.
- This will be an amendment to the work plan which will be approved once ready for resubmitting. We have already approved the full work plan at the last meeting. We just need to make minor changes and get approved by this committee for re-submittal.

Public Comment:

1. A. Coles needs someone to take minutes, Helen Lee volunteered.
2. Midland cannot host at county building due to renovations and work being done on site.
3. The City of Midland will host and send information to Annette for the agenda and notification to all committee members.
4. We will need a quorum of 12 members present minimum, to vote on policy and amendment to work program.

Adjournment: Motion was made by F. Engler to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 11:29AM.

Next Meeting:

Friday, August 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Hosted by: Midland County, City Hall. Steve will make sure things are in order.