

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

January 9, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Leonard Klein, Jill Barnard, Jim Palmer, Gene Dawson, Bill Gadwau, Julie Mathiesen and Mike McPherson

Members Absent: Janet Person

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: Raelene Reilly and Charlie Koop

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### I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

### II. Public Comment

Raelene Reilly introduced herself and informed the Council that she is an advocate for recycling. Ms. Reilly noted that she would be more than willing to help in a focus group or other Sub-committee to help bring recycling to the area.

Julie Mathiesen asked Ms. Reilly to submit a letter to the Commissioners showing that there is a County interest for recycling.

### III. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Bill Gadwau, supported by Leonard Klein, to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2005 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### IV. Election of Officers

Joe Meyers, Associate Planner, ran the meeting during the election of officers.

Leonard Klein nominated Bob Peterson for Chair.

**Motion by Leonard Klein to close nominations for Chair and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Peterson. MOTION AMENDED.**

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Jill Barnard to retain the current officers of Bob Peterson as Chair and Janet Person as Vice-chair. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### V. Procedures for Conducting Council Activity Update

Mr. Meyers informed the Council that the Public Works Committee has reviewed the Procedures for Conducting Council Activity and did not feel that it was necessary to have two people attend the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Mr. Meyers informed the Council that Pete Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, would like to keep him on the Committee because it is beneficial to his job. Ms. Mathiesen noted that one of the Council members should be on the Committee. Gene Dawson explained that he got the feeling that the Committee did not want to pay two people to attend the same meeting.

Mr. Garwood entered the meeting and explained why it was necessary to have Mr. Meyers attend the Committee meetings.

Mr. Klein indicated that he would be more than happy to attend the meeting with out getting paid.

The Council noted that Mr. Klein should not have to pay for his mileage.

**Motion by Bill Gadwau, supported by Julie Mathiesen to recommend the Public Works Committee request the Board of Commissioners to appoint Leonard Klein as a volunteer to go to the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the County will pay his mileage. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**VI. Reciprocal Agreement Update**

Mr. Meyers informed the Commission that the Reciprocal Agreement with Leelanau County has made it through Committee and is going to their Board of Commissioners. Mr. Meyers noted that he would inform the Council when he receives more information.

**VII. Urban Cooperation Act Update.**

Mr. Meyers introduced Mr. Koop, Antrim County Legal Counsel, and informed the Council that he would be interpreting the Urban Cooperation Act in regards to the section for recycling. Mr. Koop informed the Council that we could not use this act because we did not have a population of over 690,000.

Mr. Meyers informed the Council that Leelanau County was the front runners in this bill and they do not have a population of over 690,000.

Jim Palmer informed the Council that, in Leelanau County, they used the Urban Cooperation Act because the wording is "... a County, by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners of the county, or the agency responsible for ...with a population of 690,000 or more."

The Council indicated that they were looking for funding mechanisms for a recycling program. Mr. Koop indicated that that is not what he researched and further indicated that he could research funding sources if the Council so desired.

Ms. Mathiesen noted that it had been done before and asked Mr. Meyers to look into what has currently been done.

**VIII. Communications**

None.

**IX. Member Comment**

Gene Dawson noted that he had a concern that if we try to fund a Countywide recycling program that the Townships that currently have a recycling would not "buy into it."

Mike McPherson inquired if we were trying to push people to do something that they don't want, in regards to recycling.

Raelene Reilly noted that people are already paying for there trash so it is not much different than paying for recycling.

Ms. Mathieson inquired if we were going to keep the meeting dates the same.

Mr. Meyers indicated that the current meeting date is the Monday preceding the Public Works Committee. Our next meeting date will be on February 20, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

March 27, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Leonard Klein, Jill Barnard, Jim Palmer, Gene Dawson, Raelene Reilly and Mike McPherson  
Members Absent: Janet Person and Bill Gadwau  
Staff Present: Joe Meyers  
Others Present: Mike Meriwether and Christie Roman

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### **I. Call to Order**

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Welcome New Member**

Raelene Reilly introduced herself and informed the Council on her background.

### **V. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days**

Bob Peterson indicated that the days for the household hazardous waste days could be on September 9<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> if we keep with the same general days from last year. Ms. Reilly indicated that some of the Townships have clean-up days in June and that would be a good time to have one of the HHW Days.

**Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Raelene Reilly to recommend the Public Works Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners contract with the Antrim Conservation District to administer the Household Hazardous Waste Days and the Council further noted that they would like to contract with Drug and Lab Corp. for two (2) Household Hazardous Waste days at four (4) locations in all.**

### **VI. Reciprocal Agreement Update**

Mr. Meyers informed the Council that the Reciprocal Agreement has been signed by both boards.

### **VII. Communications**

None.

### **VIII. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

April 24, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Leonard Klein, Jim Palmer, Raelene Reilly, Mike McPherson, Janet Person and Bill Gadwau

Members Absent: Gene Dawson and Jill Barnard

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: Christie Roman

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### **I. Call to Order**

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Bill Gadwau, supported by Leonard Klein, to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days**

Bob Peterson indicated that in the past, we have done a June date for HHW and it was not as successful. Christy Roman indicated that we could have a June date but it would be tight, due to the employee that is in-charge of the HHW will not be starting for a few weeks, but could be done.

**Motion by Janet Person, supported by Bill Gadwau, to change the dates for HHW Days to September 10, 2006 and October 9, 2006. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Discussion ensued over accepting tires at all of the HHW sites.

**Motion by Janet Person, supported by Mike McPherson, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the HHW days have tire collection on all of the sites. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Discussion ensued over the cost to the residents for the HHW Days.

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Bill Gadwau to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the payment schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Days as follows:**

- First fifty pounds free
- Fifty cents a pound after fifty

**Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **V. Communications**

None.

**VI. Member Comment**

Ms. Person inquired about the survey that was done two years ago in regards to Recycling and was wondering if we were going to do anything with it. Mr. Meyers indicated that he would send it out with next months agendas.

The Committee indicated that they would like to have Charlie Koop, Legal Counsel, look into funding options for a recycling program.

Ms. Person inquired about letting a municipality pay Central Lake to dump recycling at their site for a cost. Mr. Gadwau indicated that he would have to take it to his board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

May 22, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Leonard Klein, Jim Palmer, Raelene Reilly, Janet Person, Gene Dawson and Jill Barnard

Members Absent: Mike McPherson and Bill Gadwau

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present:

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### **I. Call to Order**

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Janet Person, supported by Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Solid Waste Program**

The Council discussed the feasibility of a County run recycling program as well as different funding mechanisms for one.

Gene Dawson indicated that he did not feel that the benefits were not there for the cost of recycling.

Jim Palmer explained what Leelanau County is currently proposing a County run recycling program. This program includes getting all of the townships to “buy-in” and take it to a vote.

The Council directed Joe Meyers to find out what Leelanau County did and report back to the County.

### **V. Communications**

**Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Gene Dawson, to support the budget with a change in the Contractual Services line item from \$17,500 to \$20,050 making the total \$30,000. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **VI. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

July 24, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Leonard Klein, Jim Palmer, Raelene Reilly, Gene Dawson, Jill Barnard and Mike McPherson  
Members Absent: Bill Gadwau  
Staff Present: Joe Meyers  
Others Present: Christie Roman

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### **I. Call to Order**

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days**

Christie Roman gave an update to the Committee on the progress of the HHW Days and how the District is promoting it. Ms. Roman noted that there is a need for volunteers and will be contacting the Committee with the help of the Coordinator/Planners office.

### **V. Solid Waste Policy**

Mr. Meyers informed the Committee that there is a push in Lansing to update the Solid Waste Policy. Mr. Meyers further noted that this would affect our Solid Waste Plan so he will keep the Committee up to date.

### **V. Communications**

None.

### **VI. Member Comment**

Raelene Reilly informed the Committee that she is going to get peoples input on recycling throughout the entire county. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea but it should start as a citizen based group.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

September 25, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Gene Dawson, Jim Palmer, Janet Person, Jill Barnard, Raelene Reilly, and Leonard Klein  
Members Absent: Bill Gadwau, Bob Peterson and Mike McPherson  
Staff Present: Joe Meyers  
Others Present: Christy Roman

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### **I. Call to Order**

Janet Person called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days Update**

Christy Roman gave an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Days (HHW) and handed out a sheet, provided by Drug and Laboratory Disposal, with weight estimates.

Christy asked for volunteers for the HHW in Bellaire and Mancelona.

### **V. Wexford County Solid Waste Management Plan – Waste Import/Export**

Joe spoke on the letter from Wexford County in regards to their Solid Waste Plan. Due to confusion of the letter, Joe will report to the next SWRC meeting.

### **VI. Funding Mechanisms for Countywide Recycling Program**

The Council spoke on funding mechanisms the County could put in place for a Countywide recycling program. Discussion ensued over other recycling methods.

### **VII. Member Comment**

Raelene Reilly spoke on the recycling survey that she did and the meeting that she had in order to have a grass roots movement bring recycling to the area.

Raelene asked two questions that the group had in regards to the Solid Waste Management Plan, and does it expire. The second question was if there is granting for a recycling program.

Joe informed Raelene that the plan needed to be updated every five years but does not expire and some places have given grants in the past for recycling bins.

Janet asked the Council about the existence of the Board and what they want to do for the future. Discussion ensued over how Antrim County could take recycling to other places in the County.

The Council discussed their role and if they supported recycling or not.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

October 23, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Gene Dawson, Jill Barnard, Raelene Reilly, and Leonard Klein, Bob Peterson, Mike McPherson, and Bill Gadwau  
Members Absent: Jim Palmer  
Staff Present: Joe Meyers  
Others Present: Christy Roman

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### **I. Call to Order**

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

None.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **IV. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days Update**

Christy Roman informed the Council of how the Household Hazardous Waste Days (HHW) went overall.

The Council discussed how the HHW Days could improve for next year and the possibility of incorporating goodwill.

Joe Meyers and Christy indicated that they would probably be going over budget this year for the HHW days.

The Council directed Joe to look into the figures from the last few years to see how much we should ask for in the 2007 year.

### **V. Election of a Vice-chairman**

Joe informed the Council that due to Janet Person resigning from the Committee, we needed a new Vice-chairperson.

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Bill Gadwau to appoint Mike McPherson as Vice-chair. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **VI. Funding Mechanisms for Countywide Recycling Program**

The Council further discussed the possibility of having a recycling program in Kearney, Forest Home, and Helena Townships. Joe discussed Public Act 138 and informed the Committee that it is one of the best funding mechanisms for recycling. The Committee indicated that they would like to put together a fact sheet for the townships.

### **VII. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

# Solid Waste and Recycling Council

December 4, 2006

## Minutes

Members Present: Gene Dawson, Jill Barnard, Raelene Reilly, Leonard Klein, Bob Peterson, Mike McPherson, and Jim Palmer

Members Absent: Bill Gadwau

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: Sue Schuler, Twala Wolfe and Pam Morgan

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### I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

### II. Public Comment

Sue Schuler and Twala Wolfe spoke on recycling in County and how they would like to be part of the process in getting in throughout Antrim County. Sue also spoke on recycling in Acme.

### III. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Gene Dawson, supported by Leonard Klein, to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2006 meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### IV. Public Act 138

Joe Meyers handed out a sheet helping to explain the funding mechanism for recycling in Antrim County. Joe informed the Committee that any township could opt out of the County program if they desired.

The Committee discussed ways to get the townships educated on the program. Joe and Raelene indicated that they have discussed ways to go about approaching the townships and the best way would be to send out a letter informing the Townships that we are looking into a countywide recycling program and what funding mechanism we are looking at.

The Committee discussed a simple resolution that each municipality could sign looking into this program.

Joe indicated that we should have the County Board of Commissioners “onboard” before proceeding.

**Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Raelene Reilly, to recommend the Board of Commissioners pass a motion to support the Solid Waste and Recycling Council’s in proceeding with approaching the townships to get a countywide recycling program utilizing Public Act 138 of 1989. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### V. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days Update

Joe indicated that the Household Hazardous Waste Days had gone over budget by \$3,459.46.

**Motion by Leonard Klein, supported by Jill Barnard to recommend the Public Works Committee recommend to the Finance Committee to increase the budget for the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Days by \$3,459.46 so the final bill can be paid. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### VI. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.