

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

**Minutes
October 21, 2019**

Members Present: Terry VanAlstine, David Kotwick, Melissa Zelenak, Kathleen Peterson
Members Absent: Joel Fredette, Bob Ricksgers, Heather Butler
Others present: Travis Youatt, Wendy Warren

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Melissa Zelenak

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by DK, seconded by TV, to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried - unanimous

4. HHW Appointment for Drop-off

The commission discussed the possibility for appointments for drop-offs similar to the program in Emmet County. Wendy Warren, Antrim Conservation District Manager, said that if the number of volunteers were to increase, this type of program may be possible.

5. Antrim Conservation District (ACD) Update

Ms. Warren updated the council on the Antrim Conservation District. The ACD is considering asking the Board of Commissioners to change the set fee structure of the Household Hazardous Waste Program to a donation structure. Ms. Warren indicated this has been done in other counties with the result of a higher cost coverage. The ACD would continue to charge a fee for drop-offs of over one hundred pounds. They would also continue to charge \$1.00 for latex paint cans. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the council to ask Ms. Warren to continue to move forward with her ideas.

Ms. Warren said she is still looking at a date for the Elk Rapids HHW event. She indicated ACD would like to hold the event at the high school, noting students have expressed an interest in volunteering. The event will likely be in May 2020.

Ms. Warren is still considering adding an electronics recycling program. She said she is currently considering a mobile trailer that could be stationed at multiple sites per year, to collect old electronics. The ACD received a grant in the sum of \$4,000.00 that would fund a trailer for the program.

6. 2019 Quarters 3 Recycling Totals (Information Only)

The Administration Office provided quarterly recycling totals as part of the agenda packet.

7. Various Matters

Melissa Zelenek noted she has declined taking a per diem for these meetings.

Emmet County has some good information that the committee can look into. The council discussed taking a trip to Emmet County, potentially on a Saturday, to tour the facilities there. Looking to do a trip in May to tour their facilities.

Motion by Melissa Zelenak, seconded by Kathleen Peterson to direct the Antrim Conservation District to develop a fee structure for an electronic waste mobile program and to go to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Motion Carries.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep meetings quarterly for 2020, to be held on the third Monday of the month, with a start time of 2:00 p.m. The 2020 dates will be:

- March 16, 2020
- June 15, 2020
- September 21, 2020
- November 16, 2020

8. Public / Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.