

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

Minutes January 26, 2015

Members Present: Heather Butler, Mike Domsic, Dave Kotwick, Jim Palmer, Sue Reck, Bob Ricksgrs, Bob Wilson
Members Absent: Mike McPherson, Sue Schuler
Others present: Ed Boettcher, Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

Janet Koch, Associate Planner, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Organizational Meeting

Election of Officers

Chairman

Sue Reck was nominated for Chairman by Bob Ricksgrs.

Motion by Jim Palmer, seconded by Bob Ricksgrs, to close nominations for Chairman of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council and to cast a unanimous ballot for Sue Reck. Motion carried – unanimous.

Vice-Chairman

Jim Palmer was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Sue Reck.

Motion by Sue Reck, seconded by Dave Kotwick, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Palmer. Motion carried – unanimous.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Sue Reck, the newly re-elected Solid Waste & Recycling Council (SWRC) Chair.

Selection of meeting dates/times

The SWRC set their 2015 meeting dates and times as the 4th Monday of April, July, and October at 3:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room.

Additional meeting dates were discussed in light of the fact that the recycling contract will expire at the end of September. Ms. Koch said she'd discuss the SWRC's willingness to assist with a new contract at the upcoming Buildings, Lands, and Infrastructure Committee on February 3. Monday, February 23 was scheduled as an additional tentative meeting date for the SWRC.

3. Welcome New Members

The SWRC welcomed Dave Kotwick and Bob Wilson to the Council.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of October 27, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Bob Ricksgrers, to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.

6. 2015 Budgets

The SWRC reviewed the 2015 budgets for Resource Recovery 101000-719 and County-Wide Recycling 226000-529 (see attached pgs. 1-2).

7. Quarterly Recycling Totals

The SWRC reviewed the quarterly figures.

8. Recycling Program Update

Ms. Koch distributed a summary sheet that showed data from the years the Antrim County recycling program has been operating (see attached pg. 3) and weekly data for 2014 (see attached pgs. 4-5).

Ms. Reck said that she, Sue Schuler, Dave Kotwick, Gene Dawson, and Janet Koch had toured the Emmet County recycling facility in December. There was a discussion of possibilities for changes in the recycling program.

Ed Boettcher, County Commissioner, said the Commissioners would be interested in options, particularly options that save the County money.

Other methods of funding the recycling program were discussed.

9. Various Matters

None.

10. Public / Member Comment

Ms. Koch said the newly designed County website was up and running and that the recycling information should be easier for residents to locate. Mr. Palmer suggested that the County's website could provide a survey concerning recycling.

**Motion by Bob Ricksgrers, seconded by Jim Palmer to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried – unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2013 ACTIVITY	2014 AMENDED BUDGET	2014 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/14	2015 REQUESTED BUDGET	2015 FNCE-ENL APPVD BUDGET
Fund: 101000 GENERAL						
APPROPRIATIONS						
Dept 719-RESOURCE RECOVERY						
101000-719-710.001	PER DIEM - REGULAR	387	1,120	350	1,680	1,680
101000-719-715.000	FICA - COUNTY SHARE	29	86	24	130	130
101000-719-724.000	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	3	4	4	4	4
101000-719-725.000	TRAINING		250		250	250
101000-719-727.000	SUPPLIES - OFFICE		150		150	150
101000-719-802.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	15,157	20,000	20,309	20,000	20,000
101000-719-861.000	TRAVEL	94	500	95	300	300
101000-719-901.000	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	227	250		250	250
	Totals for dept 719-RESOURCE RECOVERY	15,897	22,360	20,782	22,764	22,764
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS						
		15,897	22,360	20,782	22,764	22,764
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 101000						
		(15,897)	(22,360)	(20,782)	(22,764)	(22,764)

Calculations as of 12/31/2014

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2013 ACTIVITY	2014 AMENDED BUDGET	2014 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/14	2015 REQUESTED BUDGET	2015 FNCE-FNL APPVD BUDGET
Fund: 226000 COUNTY-WIDE RECYCLING						
APPROPRIATIONS						
Dept 529-RECYCLING						
226000-529-725.000	TRAINING	305	600		500	500
226000-529-727.000	SUPPLIES - OFFICE	290	1,000	535	500	500
226000-529-741.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	225	500		500	500
226000-529-802.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	375,080	330,000	299,599	345,000	345,000
226000-529-807.000	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	150	200		200	200
226000-529-861.000	TRAVEL	442	1,100		1,000	1,000
226000-529-956.005	APPROP. ADVERTISING		5,000		1,500	1,500
	Totals for dept 529-RECYCLING	376,492	338,400	300,134	349,200	349,200
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS						
		376,492	338,400	300,134	349,200	349,200
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 226000						
		(376,492)	(338,400)	(300,134)	(349,200)	(349,200)

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Antrim County Recycling Summary Sheet

	Total pulls	Total Tons Recovered
*2009	118	251
2010	407	1,321
2011	850	1,542
2012	830	1,425
2013	1065	1,955
2014	1258	2,097

Annual Tonnage by Site

	*2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change from 2013 to 2014
Alba	4	24	30	17	49.68	54	8%
Alden	14	101	124	151	210.3	233	11%
Bellaire	46	309	350	322	423.21	433	2%
Central Lake	40	149	182	147	216.11	226	4%
Elk Rapids	84	374	409	368	463.9	496	7%
Ellsworth	5	81	128	108	165.79	196	18%
Kewadin	39	169	181	174	229.15	247	8%
Mancelona	19	114	138	138	196.52	213	9%
Totals	251	1,321	1,542	1,425	1,955	2,097	7%

*The county-wide recycling program began operations in October 2009

Antrim County Recycling Data - 2014

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Per Week Data					*40 tons and over in green
Week #	Week Start	Week Stop	Tons	Pulls	*30 pulls and over in red
1	1/1/2014	1/4/2014	17.35	10	Not a 7-day week
2	1/5/2014	1/11/2014	43.44	22	
3	1/12/2014	1/18/2014	36.89	20	
4	1/19/2014	1/25/2014	31.46	19	
5	1/26/2014	2/1/2014	19.11	12	
6	2/2/2014	2/8/2014	37.72	19	
7	2/9/2014	2/15/2014	37.45	20	
8	2/16/2014	2/22/2014	40.94	21	
9	2/23/2014	3/1/2014	23.14	13	
10	3/2/2014	3/8/2014	35.28	19	
11	3/9/2014	3/15/2014	36.57	22	
12	3/16/2014	3/22/2014	21.19	14	
13	3/23/2014	3/29/2014	29.90	21	
14	3/30/2014	4/5/2014	29.92	22	
15	4/6/2014	4/12/2014	27.89	20	
16	4/13/2014	4/19/2014	29.54	20	
17	4/20/2014	4/26/2014	32.93	24	
18	4/27/2014	5/3/2014	30.27	22	
19	5/4/2014	5/10/2014	32.59	23	
20	5/11/2014	5/17/2014	34.16	24	
21	5/18/2014	5/24/2014	42.04	26	
22	5/25/2014	5/31/2014	56.97	32	
23	6/1/2014	6/7/2014	50.17	29	
24	6/8/2014	6/14/2014	45.50	31	
25	6/15/2014	6/21/2014	43.00	28	
26	6/22/2014	6/28/2014	55.89	33	
27	6/29/2014	7/5/2014	50.54	30	
28	7/6/2014	7/12/2014	62.34	35	Highest tonnage Highest number of pulls
29	7/13/2014	7/19/2014	54.50	35	
30	7/20/2014	7/26/2014	58.80	35	
31	7/27/2014	8/2/2014	54.54	33	
32	8/3/2014	8/9/2014	52.95	32	
33	8/10/2014	8/16/2014	55.13	32	
34	8/17/2014	8/23/2014	50.16	29	
35	8/24/2014	8/30/2014	48.23	31	
36	8/31/2014	9/6/2014	45.04	28	
37	9/7/2014	9/13/2014	44.02	26	
38	9/14/2014	9/20/2014	43.08	28	
39	9/21/2014	9/27/2014	40.03	23	
40	9/28/2014	10/4/2014	36.21	21	

Antrim County Recycling Data - 2014

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Per Week Data				
Week #	Week Start	Week Stop	Tons	Pulls
41	10/5/2014	10/11/2014	39.41	23
42	10/12/2014	10/18/2014	41.71	24
43	10/19/2014	10/25/2014	37.92	22
44	10/26/2014	11/1/2014	34.81	22
45	11/2/2014	11/8/2014	37.34	22
46	11/9/2014	11/15/2014	37.59	23
47	11/16/2014	11/22/2014	35.86	18
48	11/23/2014	11/29/2014	37.91	21
49	11/30/2014	12/6/2014	36.66	20
50	12/7/2014	12/13/2014	38.90	22
51	12/14/2014	12/20/2014	36.79	20
52	12/21/2014	12/27/2014	39.30	22
53	12/28/2014	12/31/2014	26.49	16
<i>Not a 7-day week</i>				
Total 2014 tons			2097.57	
Total 2014 pulls				1259

*40 tons and over in green

*30 pulls and over in red

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

Minutes February 23, 2015

Members Present: Heather Butler, Dave Kotwick, Jim Palmer, Sue Reck, Bob Ricksgrs, Bob Wilson

Members Absent: Sue Schuler, Mike Domsic, Mike McPherson

Others present: Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Sue Reck, Chair.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of January 26, 2015 Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Bob Ricksgrs, to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Recycling Funding Alternatives

Jim Palmer said that unless the Board of Commissioners is prepared to cancel the recycling program, he didn't think individual townships would support a surcharge, allowed under PA 69 of 2005. Bob Ricksgrs agreed. Dave Kotwick said he didn't think Central Lake Township would agree to a surcharge easily. Mr. Palmer said if the County wanted township support, a millage would be the option that's more likely to be acceptable.

Ms. Koch asked if a surcharge less than \$25 would be more palatable to the townships. Mr. Palmer said that adding commercial properties could be problematic. Ms. Reck asked the group if they considered that getting township support for a surcharge was impossible.

The consensus of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council was that unless the Board of Commissioners make a formal decision to end funding for the recycling program, that there will be little appetite for interlocal township agreements, which would be required for a surcharge.

5. Various Matters

2015 Michigan Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program - Ms. Koch said the State of Michigan will be awarding \$600,000 through the Michigan Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program in 2015. However, she added that she'd participated in a webinar regarding the grant which stated that the primary grant objective is to increase the statewide recycling rate. In addition, the grant project has to be sustainable beyond the grant period. She said the grant didn't seem applicable to Antrim County for this grant cycle.

SWRC Participation - The SWRC asked Ms. Koch to send a letter to Mike McPherson, asking if he has any interest in continuing on the SWRC.

6. Public / Member Comment

None.

Motion by Bob Ricksgrs, seconded by Heather Butler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

**Minutes
April 27, 2015**

Members Present: Heather Butler, Mike Domsic, Dave Kotwick, Mike McPherson, Bob Ricksgers, Sue Schuler, Bob Wilson

Members Absent: Sue Reck, Jim Palmer

Others present: Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Chair Sue Reck and Vice-Chair Jim Palmer, the meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by consensus.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Bob Wilson, to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Recycling Funding Alternatives Update

Janet Koch, Associate Planner, said the Board of Commissioners had requested a single page flyer listing a number of funding options for the recycling program, which she had provided to the Board and the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC). Bob Wilson said the Commissioners are currently discussing the options with their townships.

Sue Schuler said that there should be more education regarding the importance of recycling. Ms. Koch said she could provide an information packet to the SWRC and on the County's website. She asked the SWRC what they would like to see in that packet. Heather Butler asked to have the inter-county solid waste agreements included. Mike McPherson said the single-page flyer should indicate that the funding options are to maintain the current program. Ms. Koch said she would also include numbers citing the increasing costs and tonnage amounts that are sent to the recycling facility instead of landfills.

Mr. Wilson encouraged SWRC members to talk to people in their communities about the different funding options.

5. Site Visit – American Waste

Ms. Koch told the SWRC that she would contact them with date and time options for a tour of American Waste's Materials Recycling Facility.

6. Various Matters

None.

7. Public / Member Comment

None.

**Motion by Mike Domsic, seconded by Bob Ricksgers, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried – unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

Minutes July 20, 2015

Members Present: Sue Reck, Heather Butler, Mike Domsic, Dave Kotwick, Mike McPherson, Jim Palmer, Bob Ricksgers, Sue Schuler, Bob Wilson
Members Absent: None
Others present: Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Reck at 3:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Sue Schuler, to approve the minutes from the Solid Waste and Recycling Council's (SWRC) April 27, 2015 meeting as presented.

Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Recycling Funding Alternatives Update

Sue Reck asked for clarification from American Waste regarding how to recycle glass in Antrim County's red recycling bins. Ms. Reck asked Janet Koch, Associate Planner, to provide the quarterly recycling data when it becomes available.

Ms. Koch reported she had recently told the Finance Committee that she'd talked to three employees from the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the County's obligations to a recycling program. The County's Solid Waste Management Plan, which was approved in 2000 by the Board of Commissioners, the townships, and the DEQ, support the recycling program. Ms. Koch added that the Solid Waste Plan can be amended.

Ms. Koch also told the SWRC that Governor Snyder's goal is for Michigan to reach a 30% recycling rate within a few years. Though the state-wide recycling rate is currently under 20%, Ms. Koch said the 2014 recycling rate for Antrim County is about 27%. She noted this indicates that recycling is important to the County residents.

In addition, Ms. Koch had been asked by the Finance Committee to obtain estimates from consultants regarding options for the County's recycling program. She had obtained two estimates, but the Finance Committee took no action to hire either recycling consultant.

Ms. Reck, Dave Kotwick, Heather Butler, Sue Schuler and Ms. Koch had attended a tour of the American Waste recycling facility in Traverse City. Commissioners Ed Boettcher, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus, and Bryan Smith also attended. The SWRC discussed the tour and the possibility of funding tours for schoolchildren.

The SWRC discussed the uses of different recycled materials. Jim Palmer and Bob Ricksgers said using glass or rubber in road asphalt is problematic in that it seems to deteriorate more quickly.

Ms. Reck asked the SWRC members if they'd talked to people in their communities about funding for the recycling program. Most said were waiting for more direction from the Board of Commissioners. Sue Schuler said she would like more information. A forensic audit was suggested. Mr. Palmer said the results wouldn't change the fact that recycling is an expensive endeavor. Commissioner Bob Wilson said he didn't think the County should be paying for a service that wasn't essential.

Mike Domsic asked about the function of the SWRC. Ms. Reck said it was an advisory group. She asked the group if there was a consensus regarding funding for the recycling program. Mr. McPherson said he thought a surcharge was the best option. Mr. Palmer said establishing a surcharge would require township agreements, which had not been met with anything close to approval when attempted previously.

Motion by Mike Domsic, second by Dave Kotwick, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the placement of a millage of 0.25 mills to fund the current recycling program on the next appropriate county-wide ballot.
Motion carried – unanimous.

5. Various Matters

Ms. Koch asked if the SWRC was amendable to receiving agendas by email. The SWRC readily agreed.

6. Public / Member Comment

Ms. Reck noted that the next meeting date was October 26.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

**Minutes
October 26, 2015**

Members Present: Sue Reck, Heather Butler, Dave Kotwick, Bob Ricksgrers, Sue Schuler, Bob Wilson
Members Absent: Mike Domsic, Mike McPherson, Jim Palmer
Others present: Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Reck at 3:04 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Bob Ricksgrers, to approve the minutes from the Solid Waste and Recycling Council's (SWRC) July 20, 2015 meeting as presented.

Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Recycling Funding Update

In the agenda packets, Janet Koch, Associate Planner, had included copies of the materials sent to the townships regarding a proposed change in funding of the recycling program. The letter from the Administration Department had requested townships to consider entering into agreements with Antrim County to participate in Public Act 69 of 2005, which allows a household surcharge on property taxes to pay for recycling.

The SWRC said they would assist with attending the township meetings if it would be helpful.

5. Various Matters

Ms. Koch presented a "Recycle by Design" flyer that described a grant opportunity for public-private partnerships. She also mentioned the upcoming event "Clean Up and Green Up" on Sunday, November 1 from 9 am to 3 pm, at the American Waste facility off Hammond Road in Traverse City.

6. Public / Member Comment

Ms. Reck noted that January 25, 2016 will be the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.