

**Antrim County
Solid Waste and Recycling Council**

**Minutes
April 25, 2016**

Members Present: Sue Reck, Heather Butler, Mike Domsic Dave Kotwick, , Bob Ricksgers, Sue Schuler
Members Absent: Mike McPherson, Kathy Peterson, Bob Wilson
Others present: Janet Koch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Sue Reck, Chair of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC).

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Heather Butler, to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Quarterly Recycling Total

The SWRC and Janet Koch, Associate Planner, discussed the low tonnage and high number of pulls for the first quarter of 2016. Ms. Koch said the County is billed on a per ton basis for the materials in the recycling bins.

5. Recycling Millage

The SWRC discussed the ballot language for the August recycling millage vote, noting that 0.25 mills would bring in more revenue than the recycling program currently costs. Ms. Koch said the ballot language was for “up to 0.25 mills,” and that a lower amount could be levied.

Motion by Bob Ricksgers, seconded by Heather Butler, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners commit to levying a millage amount that will cover only the cost of the recycling program contract rather than the maximum 0.25 amount authorized. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Various Matters

Alba Recycling Bins

The decision of the Alba Public School to have the recycling bins on the school property removed was discussed. Ms. Koch said she had received only a few phone calls about the removal of the bins. She added that she wouldn't look for a new location for bins in the Alba area until the recycling program's funding was secure beyond the end of the year. Ms. Reck noted the County might consider permanently reducing the number of bin locations in an effort to reduce costs.

Motion by Mike Domsic, seconded by Heather Butler, to change the next meeting date of the SWRC to July 18, 2016, and to invite as many news organizations as possible to attend. Motion carried – unanimous.

Ms. Koch was asked to invite a representative from American Waste to the meeting. She said she would bring data to the meeting regarding taxable values and the cost of the millages and data regarding the recycling amounts in the County.

The dates of the Household Hazardous Waste Days were noted as the following:

- Elk Rapids - Saturday, May 14, 2016
- Bellaire - Saturday, August 6, 2016

7. Public / Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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