

MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 16, 2025 at 3:00pm ET
2920 College Ave Escanaba, MI 49829

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Carrig acting as temporary Chair at 3:00pm.

Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent
Chris Ammel	X	
Troy Bassett		X
Chris Berry		X
Bruce Birr	X	
Amber Butterfield		X
Phil Carter	X	
Brian Ciupak	X	
Steve Coron	X	
Lyn Durant	X	
John Groleau	X	
Nick Hanchek	X	
Kelly Livermore		X
Dave Lundquist	X	
Jim Nankervis		X
Terri Rabbitoy	X	
Mike Stannard	X	
Peter Swanson		X
Kristin Thornton		X
Kelli van Ginhoven	X	
Kathy Vermaat	[virtual]	
(Vacant- Dickinson Business)		
(Vacant- Menominee Business 2)		
(Vacant- Schoolcraft Business)		

Other Attendees

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD

Brice Burge, City of Munising City Commission [in attendance for Christine Berry]

Emily Leach, Marquette County Planning [virtual]

Joan Ecclesine, City of Manistique City Council [virtual]

One unnamed individual

Election of Officers

Ryan Carrig led the call for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

There was a call for nominations for Chair, and Terri Rabitoy nominated Kelli van Ginhoven.
Hearing no other nominations, the nomination was put to voice vote and affirmed.

Kelli van Ginhoven then continued the meeting as Chair.

There was a call for nominations for Vice-Chair, and Kelli van Ginhoven nominated Chris Ammel.
Hearing no other nominations, the nomination was put to voice vote and affirmed.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Phil Carter, seconded by Terri Rabitoy to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Consensus Business

There was no consensus business.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 30, 2024 meeting

Motion by Bruce Birr, seconded by Nick Hanchek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

Draft Rules of Procedure

Ryan Carrig outlined the statutory responsibility of the Committee to adopt Rules of Procedure. At the October meeting, the Committee had made the decision to adopt the first meeting of the calendar year as its organizational meeting, and elected to review the document again at the current meeting. Lyn Durant proposed several edits for the Committee's review:

- Section D(3)(iii)- to decide if the Chair has unilateral authority in the selection of members for appointments to committees, or if it should occur with Committee consensus; discussion led to "Appoint subcommittees with membership by Committee concurrence".
- Section F(4)- to insert subsection (i) outlining a requirement for members to submit written notification of absence prior to the meeting.
- Section F(9)(ii)- to set a time limit of three minutes for each person wishing to make public comment, with an extension subject to the approval of the Chair.
- Section F(9)(iii)(a)- to require that written comments received prior to a meeting be read into the record as part of public comment.

Motion to approve the Rules of Procedure as amended by Terri Rabitoy, seconded by Nick Hanchek.

A request was made for Ryan Carrig to read back the proposed amendments, no further discussion was heard.

Motion carried.

Materials Management Planning and EGLE Updates

Ryan Carrig provided an update on communications and events regarding materials management topics that occurred between the previous meeting and present. Going forward, this action item will be added

as a "Designated Planning Agency Report" to occur as consensus business. The report is attached to the meeting minutes.

Marquette Climate Adaptation Task Force 2049 Trash and Recycling Learning Circle Summary

Ryan Carrig introduced a summary produced by the Marquette County Climate Adaption Task Force of a stakeholder engagement event focused on trash and recycling issues. No further discussion.

CUPMMPC Workplan

Ryan Carrig introduced a draft copy of a tentative work program, which is required to be approved and submitted by the CUPMMPC to EGLE for each county to be eligible for the MMP Grant Program. Due to a lack of communication and requirements from EGLE, CUPPAD requested and was approved for an extension of the due date for the Committee's work program from December 24, 2024 to April 8, 2025. EGLE provided detailed work program requirements on January 2, 2025; the draft work program will need to be updated prior to approval by the Committee. Ryan Carrig suggested then that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to table discussion of this item to the next meeting by Bruce Birr, seconded by Nick Hanchek.

Kelli van Ginhoven asked to clarify if the Committee would need to be more involved in the drafting of the work program, or should appoint a subcommittee. Ryan Carrig explained that the tabling of this issue would allow for a revised draft meeting the EGLE requirements to be presented to the Committee at the following meeting. The Committee could then decide to revise or seek approval of the document.

Motion carried.

2025 Meeting Dates

Ryan Carrig presented a number of options for a dedicated meeting schedule based on discussion of preferences at the prior meeting. Ensuing discussion came to agreement on a monthly basis for meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 3:00pm. Meeting location would remain the Delta County Service Center unless otherwise specified.

Motion to set the 2025 CUPMMPC meeting dates for the third Thursday of each month at 3:00pm ET by Phil Carter, seconded by Bruce Birr.

Mike Stannard asked about the Committee's preferences for a meeting at the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, including a tour of their Materials Recovery Facility. Scheduling this meeting will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion carried.

General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee and Staff Comment

Ryan Carrig outlined possible next meeting topics- presentation by EGLE Recycling staff, review of MMP grant funding goals and possible projects, review of materials management facilities.

Brice Burge asked about Zoom information for virtual attendance. The Zoom meeting link will be provided in the agenda for subsequent meetings.

Steve Coron asked about the number of members constituting a quorum, and the distribution of membership. Ryan Carrig will send out an updated membership list following the meeting.

Adjournment

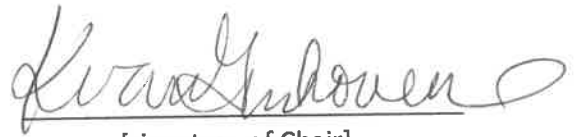
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35pm by Nick Hanchek. Motion carried by consensus.

Minutes recorded by Ryan Carrig.

I, Kelli van Ginhoven, Chair of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes the true and complete minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2025. The Committee reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on

March 20, 2025.

[meeting date]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelli van Ginhoven", written over a horizontal line.

[signature of Chair]

Designated Planning Agency Report
January 16, 2025

EGLE provided an MMP update to the Designated Planning Agencies on November 14, which outlines that they are still unaware of the timing for details about the Workplan format and the MMP grant program. Our MMP Workplan was due December 24th, and is the only requirement by statute for eligibility for the MMP grants. EGLE offered extension dates for Workplans- we submitted the draft Workplan in the packet to EGLE for comment on November 11, and received a limited response. Due to the cancellation of the December meeting, I requested a three-month extension of the due date, and was approved for a due date of **April 8, 2025**. On January 2, EGLE released the request for work programs and a portal for work program submission. The information has resulted in some confusion, mainly in how the funding will be distributed for the program. I will need to update the Work Program that was included in the packet, and is a later topic of discussion. Additionally, we will need to work more closely with counties than anticipated in developing budgets for the grant's expenditure.

Statewide DPAs met on January 9 for a meeting facilitated by the MRC and Ottawa County. The collective frustration from DPAs was a main topic of concern, along with unanswered questions from the newly released work program requirements. The collective priorities of DPAs across the state are clear and consistent information from EGLE, and collective knowledge sharing, since nearly every county is beginning this process from scratch. The Michigan Association of Regions has had a regularly scheduled DPA workgroup meeting for the past several months where we work on collective issues. The Michigan Recycling Coalition would like to see an Upper Peninsula stakeholder engagement meeting occur in the Spring. What content would be useful to such a meeting? Who should be invited to this meeting?

EGLE Planning and Recycling staff have asked to join an upcoming meeting of the MMPC to talk in more detail about planning and recycling infrastructure and education grants and events that are available through the Department. EGLE is hosting the Northern Michigan Environmental Conference at NMU on March 12, and the event includes three afternoon sessions on battery recycling, food waste diversion, and materials management planning.

I have begun laying out the content areas of the Materials Management Plan according to the EGLE requirements that have been distributed so far. Per the draft work program, the goal is to start with the identification and capacity of solid waste disposal sites and infrastructure.

In early November, a draft resolution was sent to all UP County Boards of Commissioners in support of a "waste-to-renewables" project- the organization leading this project is proposing to solve the waste issues of the region through the construction of a plasma arc gasification facility which would use the heating of waste to create precursor chemicals for refinement into fuels and plastic products. This process is otherwise known as "chemical recycling". Included in your packet is a short summary of chemical recycling regulations, which are currently not subject to Part 115 requirements and are not considered recycling processes. However, the transportation of materials, pre-conversion processes, and facility would be subject to Part 115 and potentially require approval by the MMPC. The implementation and use of a chemical recycling facility for waste disposal is likely contrary to the goals of Part 115 and the State's waste and energy goals. CUPPAD staff met with the principals of the project in December and

outlined these issues and the general requirements expected of any potential future facility.

Included in the packet for the December meeting was some overview information on legislation that might have been considered in the final days of the Lam Duck session. The bill put forward legislation to create an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mechanism in Michigan, in a not-quite-similar method to the Bottle Deposit Law. At least four other states: Colorado, Oregon, California, and Maine have passed similar legislation. The EPR policy would create a requirement for companies that produce paper and packaging products to pay a fee that supports the sustainable lifecycle of their products. The fees would be used to support funding for recycling collection and processing infrastructure in all areas of the state. Included in your packet are two factsheets about EPR, and more information is available on the Michigan Recycling Coalition website and www.circularmichigan.org. There are several bills that included updates to Part 115 that are expected to continue through the Legislature in the new session.

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