

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

April 17, 2025 at 3:00pm ET
2920 College Ave Escanaba, MI 49829

Call to Order

At the consent of Vice-Chair Chris Ammel, the meeting was called to order by Ryan Carrig at 3:00pm.

Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent
Chris Ammel	X	
Troy Bassett		X
Bruce Birr	X	
Brice Burge	X	
Amber Butterfield		X
Phil Carter	X	
Brian Ciupak	X	
Steve Coron		X
Lyn Durant	X	
John Groleau	X	
Nick Hanchek	X	
Barbara Kramer	X	
Dave Lundquist	X	
Jim Nankervis	X	
Terri Rabbitoy	X	
Mickey Rondeau	X	
Mike Stannard	X	
Peter Swanson		Excused
Kristin Thornton		Excused
Kelli van Ginhoven		Excused
Kathy Vermaat		Excused
Brad Zellar	X	
(Vacant- Menominee Business 2)		

Other Attendees

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD

Brad Younk, Country Mile Document Destruction

Tracy Tomaszewski, EGLE Recycling Unit (via Zoom)

Mike Powers (via Zoom)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Jim Nankervis, seconded by Barbara Kramer to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Presentations

Tracy Tomaszewski, EGLE Recycling Specialist gave a presentation on materials management planning requirements and state-level technical assistance available. The presentation slides will be sent out to members after the meeting. Members asked questions regarding the use of MMP Grant funding, the expansion of glass recycling, and where to direct more specific questions to the Recycling Unit.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2025 Meeting

Motion by Barbara Kramer, seconded by Phil Carter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Consensus Business

Designated Planning Agency Report

Ryan Carrig presented the Designated Planning Agency Report for activities since the previous meeting, which is attached to these minutes.

Motion to place the DPA report on file by Nick Hanchek, seconded by Jim Nankervis. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Materials Management Facility Capacity

Ryan Carrig presented a regional review of materials management facility capacity for solid wastes, recyclables, and compostable materials. The information presented on a regional level is to inform the creation of a baseline standard for disposal and diversion that is used to calculate a recycling rate for the planning area. Based on the numbers presented, a baseline recycling rate is estimated at approximately 7%. The Committee will use these numbers, and a later breakdown county-by-county to outline a gap and opportunity analysis and begin to set goals for the Plan. The presentation information will also be made part of the Plan in whole or in part.

Based on the materials presented, several preliminary assumptions about the capacity for solid waste disposal, recycling, and composting will begin to be incorporated into the draft Plan. The Committee will revisit these as new information and goal development shapes the draft Plan.

Committee members had questions and concerns about the use and cost of current landfills and available capacity; the availability of additional recyclables in the current waste streams; how to meet the expansion of recycling services to be equivalent to trash disposal through curbside service or drop-off infrastructure; how to use the plan and other educational opportunities to help raise awareness and the recycling rate; ensuring that long-term infrastructure and programs are available to maintain access; and problems with reporting and ensuring the effectiveness of programs.

Stakeholder Outreach Survey Planning

Since the meeting was running long, Ryan Carrig asked for this item to be tabled until the June meeting. Committee members will review the materials provided for discussion.

Motion to table discussion of this topic until the June meeting by Lyn Durant, seconded by Barbara Kramer. Motion carried.

General Public Comment

Brad Younk introduced himself to the Committee; the Menominee County Board of Commissioners is expected to confirm his representation on the Committee the following week.

Committee and Staff Comment

Ryan Carrig reminded the Committee that the next meeting has been rescheduled to May 29th at 1:00pm ET at the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. After the meeting, members are invited to Partridge Creek Compost in Ishpeming to tour their facility as well.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm by Nick Hanchek, seconded by Phil Carter. Motion carried.

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 April 17, 2025. The Committee reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on

May 29, 2025
[meeting date]

Kelli van Ginhoven
[signature of Chair]

Designated Planning Agency Report
April 17, 2025

A report of actions and communications surrounding materials management planning and the six-county materials management plan from March 21- April 17, 2025:

The Committee-approved 2025-2026 MMP Work Program was submitted to EGLE on March 24 and was approved within 48 hours. I notified each county MMP Grant Manager to expect further communication from EGLE regarding the grant execution. At the March 27 MAR DPA planners meeting other DPAs shared that they were receiving speedy work plan approvals while others are still working with their counties on budgets.

Also on March 27th, I was introduced to Brendon Presnell, who is WUPPDR's new full-time Materials Management Coordinator. Brendon and I spoke about all things MMP in the Upper Peninsula to try to answer some of his initial questions and help bring him up to speed with how things have developed in the past several years. We left the meeting with me adding all my MMP reference materials to a shared drive that we hope to also share with the Eastern region.

March 28th call with Mike Powers, an educator at Manistique Public Schools, regarding what kinds of considerations and activities he and his students could take up to expand recycling activities and access in Schoolcraft County. Interest continues to build in Schoolcraft County on establishing an accessible recycling program, though the details are still to be determined.

The MRC is preparing for its annual conference coming up in May. There are plenty of sessions relevant to materials management planning, and a regional outreach session where attendees from the across the state can meet with others from their area to discuss materials management issues in detail. I will be helping to facilitate the Upper Peninsula/Northern Lower session. I will report out on the conference for the May meeting. The MRC is also supporting EGLE in scheduling regional recycling market development meetings throughout the state. One of these has been proposed for the Upper Peninsula/Northern Lower for some time in or around October. This is envisioned a chance to bring together economic development and business leaders to discuss use of recycling feedstock and creation of products. Local recycling end market development has been identified as barrier to recycling operations in the UP, as the majority of the materials that are processed in our region are sent elsewhere for reuse. Finding local opportunities reduces transport costs and helps keep material within our local economy.

Upcoming Education: EGLE Catalyst Communities: Hauling and Recycling Food Scraps, Glass, and Cardboard from Commercial Customers Tuesday April 29 at 1:00PM virtual

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