

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

May 29, 2025 at 1:00pm ET

Offices of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority
600 County Road NP, Marquette, MI 49855

Due to lack of quorum at the meeting's designated start time and at the consent of the membership, the tour of the MCSWMA MRF was conducted ahead of the business of the meeting. Members returned from the tour, and quorum was established at 1:35p.m. MCSWMA concluded their presentation at 1:55p.m.

Call to Order

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the meeting was called to order by Ryan Carrig at 1:55p.m.

Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent
Chris Ammel		Excused
Troy Bassett		X
Bruce Birr	X	
Brice Burge		Excused
Phil Carter	X	
Brian Ciupak	X	
Lyn Durant	X	
John Groleau	X	
Nick Hanchek	X	
Barbara Kramer	X	
Dave Lundquist		Excused
Jim Nankervis	X	
Terri Rabbitoy		Excused
Mickey Rondeau		Excused
Mike Stannard	X	
Peter Swanson		X
Kristin Thornton		X
Kelli van Ginhoven		Excused
Kathy Vermaat	X	
Brad Younk	X	
Brad Zellar	X	
(vacant) Dickinson, Waste Diversion		
(vacant) Dickinson, Environmental		

Other Attendees

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Randy Yelle, MCSWMA Board Chair

Axel Vermaat

Josh Wales, Recycling Operations Supervisor
other unnamed individuals

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Jim Nankervis, seconded by Phil Carter to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2025 Meeting

Motion by Jim Nankervis, seconded by Kathy Vermaat 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, attached to these minutes.

Motion to place the DPA report on file by Lyn Durant, seconded by Kathy Vermaat. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Election of Vice Chair

Ryan Carrig announced the pending resignation of Chris Ammel, necessitating the need to elect a new Vice Chair to fill the term. There was a call for nominations, with Barbara Kramer as nominee.

Hearing no other nominations, the nomination was put to voice vote and confirmed.

Tour of MCSWMA

Conducted prior to the official meeting.

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Committee and Staff Comment

There was general discussion among members on the recent announcement of scrap tire recycling and electronics recycling events and drop-offs; where people could take materials; cost of disposal; which facilities were open to the general public.

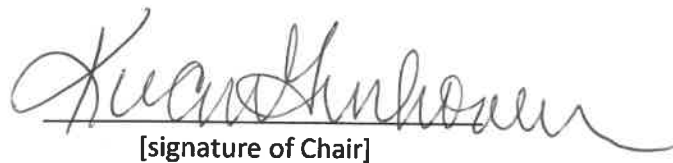
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10pm by Phil Carter, seconded by Nick Hanchek. 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

7-17-25.
[meeting date]


[signature of Chair]

Designated Planning Agency Report
May 29, 2025

A report of materials management planning actions from April 17-May 29, 2025:

I have received confirmations from Counties and EGLE that MMP Grant Agreements have been sent out and are beginning to be executed. As of this meeting, Alger and Menominee County have executed grant agreements and have received information about how to access their grant funding. The counties are able to reimburse for funding related to the work program going back to January of 2024. Starting in the Fall, we will work on how to communicate and create the work program budgets for the next year. Implementation activities will be coordinated by this Committee with the respective County Board of Commissioners, and any approval for use of funding goes through the County MMP Grant Manager.

I had the opportunity to follow up with Tracy Tomaszewski, our EGLE Recycling Specialist, a few times over the past month on various opportunities and at the Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference. The MRC held a statewide DPA workgroup meeting on April 21 with a presentation by Kent County Department of Public Works for discussion of their various facilities, programs, and flow control funding mechanisms. A meeting later in the week with Michigan Association of Regions DPA workgroup highlighted the slow startup of some of the other committees more dependent on the availability of the grant funding. From speaking with other groups and DPAs at the MRC Conference, I believe that the Central Region may be some months ahead of others in Plan development. With that, we are sharing heavily with the Western and Eastern UP to provide some efficiency and alignment between our 3 UP Plans.

CUPPAD was presented with the opportunity to receive an intern for 8 weeks from Yale University. Axel Vermaat is Kathy's son, and jumped headlong into materials management in the first week of May. Axel is focusing on developing recycling outreach, education, and marketing best practices that we can translate into implementation at the county-by-county level. Axel and I meet throughout the week to keep track of what he's working on, and ultimately he will develop a presentation of his findings for the Committee's July meeting. The goal is to use the work that is developed to jumpstart our conversations on goal scoping and implementation actions.

I attended the Michigan Recycling Coalition's annual conference in Muskegon May 13-15 and had plenty of opportunities to speak with Committee members, DPAs, industry partners, and other stakeholders throughout the event. I helped lead the Regional Outreach meeting in partnership with the Northern Lower Peninsula, where attendees discussed shared issues and opportunities with materials management planning, rural community issues and program development, and organics. I came away with a number of good questions and potential ideas to work into the Plan development process and for the involvement of the Committee. The Keynote speaker on Thursday was a municipal attorney who reviewed Part 115 in detail, and offered many suggestions for how to keep Plan implementation active and supported once the initial Plan is approved.

Current Plan development work continues to focus on data discovery and collating various materials and ideas for Committee review and recommendations. The tentative topic for June is exploring the inventory of how materials management is being implemented locally through various mechanisms. Following Axel's presentation at the July meeting, we will shift more into the goal development and implementation objectives phase of planning.

Lastly, I would like to highlight awards from the NextCycle Michigan technical assistance program to Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority supporting additional collection and processing capacity for recyclables and Manistique High School supporting capacity building and infrastructure for initiating recycling in Schoolcraft County, and to Partridge Creek Compost from the Marquette County Community Foundation to support development of organics drop-off sites within the county. Partridge Creek Compost was also featured on the May 22 edition of Upper Michigan Today on TV6. Also of note is the award to Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority of "exceptional status" in Excellence in Environmental and Public Health Protection from the EPA for their landfill leachate wastewater treatment operations.

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