

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

August 21, 2025 at 3:00pm ET  
2920 College Ave Escanaba, MI 49829

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kelli van Ginhoven at 3:00pm.

**Roll Call**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Troy Bassett		Excused
Bruce Birr	X	
Phil Carter	X	
Brian Ciupak		Excused
Christina DuBois	X	
Lyn Durant	X	
John Groleau	X	
Nick Hanchek	X (3:03pm)	
Todd Kangas	X	
Barbara Kramer	X	
Kelly Livermore	X (3:02pm)	
Dave Lundquist		Excused
Jim Nankervis	X	
Terri Rabbitoy		Excused
Mike Stannard	X	
Peter Swanson		Unexcused
Kristin Thornton		Excused
Kelli van Ginhoven	X	
Kathy Vermaat	X	
Brad Younk	X	
Brad Zellar	X	
(vacant) Alger, City or Village Elected Official		
(vacant) Dickinson, Environmental Interest Group		

**Other Attendees**

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD

Tracy Tomaszewski, EGLE Recycling Specialist (via Zoom)

Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek Compost

one unnamed individual (in person)

two unnamed individuals (via Zoom)

## **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**

Dan Perkins, representing Partridge Creek Compost commented on New Business #2, asking the Committee to remember to include conversations with community members and organizations in each of the counties to develop management systems that work both regionally and in each respective county.

## **Presentations**

None

## **Approval of the Minutes of the July 17, 2025 Meeting**

*Motion by Lyn Durant, 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, which is attached to these minutes.

*Motion to place the DPA report on file by Barbara Kramer, seconded by Kathy Vermaat. Motion carried.*

## **Old Business**

### **Stakeholder Outreach Survey**

Ryan Carrig presented the revised draft survey based on the feedback from Committee members at the previous meeting. Questions and discussion were heard on the following survey questions

- Question 1- add “villages” to “A County, City, or Township” representation;
- Question 7- add in this and similar questions a response for “I don’t know which provider offers which services in my area”;
- Question 8- Discussion on the phrasing and clarity of the question- Ryan will revise and present at the next meeting;
- Question 12- Remove duplicate question wording in asking for a copy of any ordinance;
- Question 22- add “other” to capture specialty service providers.

Ryan will address the discussion points raised and present revisions at the next meeting; tentative distribution before winter months. No further action.

### **Materials Management Enforceable Mechanisms**

Ryan Carrig introduced slides for the Committee’s reference on the requirements of the materials management plan to include various types of enforceable mechanisms, including provisions for siting and various types of funding, and detailing the responsible parties for each. Questions and discussion were heard on the following:

- How the benchmark recycling standards of Part 115 would work in practice, and how a municipality would be affected by partial implementation;
- How the process for determining what goals and enforcement mechanisms should be gone through by the Committee, review of a regional and per-county process;

- The various responsibilities and levels of authority for administrating and enacting the various goals and mechanisms described in the plan;

No further action.

### **New Business**

#### **Materials Management Goal Scoping**

Ryan Carrig referred to the goals document distributed at the prior meeting, and distributed copies again to those in attendance. The intention will be to leave this as a item of old business for discussion to refer back to in subsequent meetings. No further action.

#### **Example Selected Management Systems**

Ryan Carrig referred to the document in the Committee's packet as a accumulation of the verbiage used in various parts of the old county Solid Waste Management Plans, organizing the document to introduce the Committee to how various parts and requirements are described. No further action.

#### **General Public Comment**

Dan Perkins commented on how might municipalities be communicated with to let them know about the goals and requirements of the plan prior to soliciting for their approval.

#### **Committee and Staff Comment**

Ryan Carrig reminded Committee members that the next meeting will be Thursday September 18, with no specific agenda topics set at present.

Lyn Durant and Bruce Birr asked about the survey's distribution method and if there was a goal for timing and participation.

Kathy Vermaat asked about the difficulties encountered in the MMP program and what the Committee may be able to do to help document them.

Barbara Kramer commented on discussion by the Iron Mountain City Council on implementing recycling. Kramer then read a prepared statement addressed to the Committee addressing PenWin Industries, discussion on the facility and rail/barge transportation methods from the previous meeting, and information on PenWin and gasification processes sent to Committee members by Mike Stannard prior to the meeting. The letter requests the Committee to evaluate advanced recovery systems under Part 115 using 2025 data, add rail and barge as transportation options to the Plan, and include environmental and operational requirements and reporting responsibilities for these types of facilities. In response to the statement, Kelli van Ginhoven asked if Kramer was representing herself as a member representing Dickinson County or Penwin Industries. Kramer indicated that she was representing PenWin Industries, being appointed by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners to represent business interests. Kelli van Ginhoven commented on the progress and positive direction of CUPPAD's work as DPA and the Committee's work so far.

Mike Stannard commented on the direction of work so far and the future approval process.

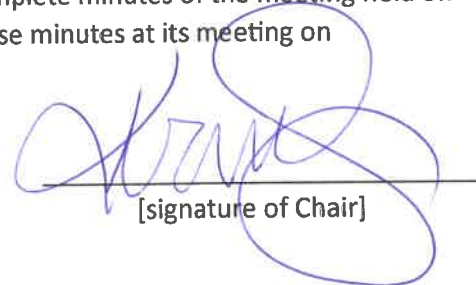
**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:22pm by Kelly Livermore, 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 August 21, 2025. The Committee reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on

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[meeting date]

  
[signature of Chair]

## Designated Planning Agency Report

August 21, 2025

A report of materials management planning actions from July 18- August 21:

Following the last Committee meeting, I concluded our time with Axel Vermaat, who once again thanked the Committee for your positive response to the work he was able to do for us over the summer. Also resulting from last month's meeting, I was able to join our Committee members in Schoolcraft County for one of their Nextcycle technical assistance meetings, hoping to create a drop-off and expand curbside recycling participation in in the County. That same week I had a lengthy one-on-one conversation with Christina Miller, EGLE's MMP Planning Specialist, discussing successes and difficulties of the program so far from a Designated Planning Agency perspective. I was able to share the results of that conversation with the regular meeting of Region DPAs the following day, and had a chance to check-in with Brendon on the western UP's progress.

On July 30, Josh Wales from Recycle906 and I were interviewed by TV6 on the development of the Materials Management Plan: <https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/2025/07/30/cuppad-halfway-through-draft-materials-management-plan/>. Chairman of the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority, Randall Yelle, was also featured on the August 3<sup>rd</sup> TV6 Ryan Report, describing the authority's efforts to expand recycling access in Marquette County. Our EGLE Recycling Specialist Tracy is also scheduled to be interviewed by TV6 on recycling access in the UP from the State perspective this Friday (8/22). From these questions, I am working on updating our MMP FAQ document that was last updated at the end of 2023 right before planning with the counties started. The updated FAQ will be more focused on a public audience rather than municipal representatives.

Also in the news was the approval of a contract to provide curbside recycling services in the cities of Kingsford and Norway as part of a joint request for services. Some additional community support for recycling services has recently popped up in Breitung Township in Dickinson County, where a recent survey on proposed improvements for the Township revealed that support for recycling service is at 48% of residents surveyed, up from 41% three years ago. Portions of Breitung Township are under the 2026 benchmark recycling standard, while the entire Township is required to have access to service by 2028.

On August 5, I was invited to present to the Manistique Rotary Club on recycling in UP and materials management planning efforts. The group was well engaged and supportive of bringing additional recycling access to their community. Members mentioned personal and business activities they were currently undertaking, and having to transport materials from Schoolcraft to Delta County or elsewhere. The MRC DPA Workgroup met on August 18 and discussed resource sharing and examples of communication methods. These conversations continue to be helpful in comparing how other groups are working on planning across the state.

From a conversation with Lyn Durant about increasing recycling access in Marquette County, I met with Tracy from EGLE and Cascade Cart Solutions this morning (8/21) about a possible joint application to the EGLE Recycling Infrastructure grant in 2026. The project would include distribution of carts to municipalities that already have contracted recycling service in the western part of Marquette County. I received information and a price quote that we can approach the prospective municipalities with about participating at reduced cost based on the economy of scale. Hopefully more information about this project and its possible application for other areas will come about in the coming months.

Upcoming materials management educational opportunities-

- The Michigan Organics Council's annual Great Michigan Compost Tour is September 15-20 in various locations across the state. <https://michiganrecycles.org/third-annual-great-michigan-compost-tour-copy/>
- The MRC is hosting Materials and Recycling Management Training in September at a reduced cost thanks to a grant from EPA. September 18-30 in Ypsilanti. <https://michiganrecycles.org/mrm-training-2025/>
- The MRC is hosting Compost Operator Training in October at a reduced cost thanks to a grant from EGLE. October 27-31, 2025 in Novi. <https://www.compostingcouncil.org/event/MI-COTC-2025>

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