

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

September 18, 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 3:10pm.

Roll Call

Name	County	Present	Absent
Troy Bassett	Schoolcraft		Excused
Bruce Birr	Schoolcraft	X	
Phil Carter	Marquette		Excused
Brian Ciupak	Alger	X	
Christina DuBois	Dickinson		Unexcused
Lyn Durant	Marquette	X	
John Groleau	Menominee	X	
Nick Hanchek	Menominee		Unexcused
Todd Kangas	Delta	X	
Barbara Kramer	Dickinson		Excused
Kelly Livermore	Alger		Excused
Dave Lundquist	Delta	X	
Jim Nankervis	Marquette		Excused
Terri Rabitoy	Delta	X	
Mike Stannard	Marquette	X	
Peter Swanson	Dickinson		Excused
Kristin Thornton	Marquette		Unexcused
Kelli van Ginhoven	Delta	X	
Kathy Vermaat	Marquette	X	
Brad Younk	Menominee	X	
Brad Zellar	Schoolcraft		Excused
(vacant) Alger, City or Village Elected Official	Alger		
(vacant) Dickinson, Environmental Interest Group	Dickinson		

Other Attendees

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD

Ali O'Neal (virtual)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Terri Rabitoy, seconded by Lyn Durant to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Presentations

None

Approval of the Minutes of the August 21, 2025 Meeting

Motion by Todd Kangas, seconded by Mike Stannard 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. Also included in the packet was an updated MMP FAQ, which will be distributed to local governments with the notices for the October meeting.

Motion to place the DPA report on file by Terri Rabitoy, 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. The goal is to distribute the survey digitally in the next few weeks, using all available stakeholders and local governments to market, as well as creating a press release and placing in the Marquette Monthly. The survey would close on a late November time frame.

Motion to accept the survey as written and distribute it by Mike Stannard, seconded by Todd Kangas. Motion carried.

Materials Management Goal Scoping

Ryan Carrig asked the Committee for any continued feedback and discussion on the list of tentative goals. Todd Kangas asked about the goals pertaining to Wells Township (Delta County), and how haulers could contribute to confirming that the benchmark recycling standards are being met. Kathy Vermaat asked about how the Committee would assign responsible parties to goals. No further action.

New Business

Planning Work Session

Ryan Carrig distributed copies of the "Straw Poll" document from the packet and an additional process chart for siting materials management facilities to the Committee. Carrig discussed the process for determining a proposed facility's consistency with the MMP and past process and siting requirements from the old county solid waste plans. The process includes host community approval and an appeals process for non-qualifying facilities. Committee members had questions about how various parts of the process apply and how the Plan would demonstrate if capacity was needed/unneeded in particular areas. There were questions about where local control could apply and how much authority should be granted to the CUPMMPC. The Straw Poll was completed by the Committee members for determining what types of requirements could be seen as common across the membership, and in future meetings the Committee will continue adding detail to the process and requirements. Discussion included that a likely compromise would be to delegate to local requirements where they would be available, have a minimum level of regional requirements. No further action.

General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee and Staff Comment

Ryan Carrig reminded Committee members that the next meeting will be Thursday October 16, with another work session the likely main agenda item. Lyn Durant asked about travel to meetings, and the Committee discussed that with the agenda item being a work session if a hybrid-virtual "work session" type of meeting where no other business took place would be possible. Members agreed that this may be workable for future work sessions, and would help with travel during upcoming winter months. Carrig asked for formal motion to authorize changing the meeting format.

Motion to organize the October 16 meeting as a hybrid-virtual workshop meeting, and to authorize the Chair to determine if following meetings would be conducted as in-person or workshop meetings as business allows by Todd Kangas, seconded by Dave Lundquist. Motion carried.

Lyn Durant asked about the various uses for the MMP grant funding available to counties. Carrig related the requirements of the MMP grant and possibilities for purchasing infrastructure items. The Committee will incorporate a greater variety of budget items into its Year 2 MMP Work Program for the grant.

Bruce Birr asked about the security of the survey and how CUPPAD could monitor multiple responses.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm by Lyn Durant, seconded by Terri Rabitoy. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Ryan Carrig.

I, Lyn Durant, 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 September 18, 2025. The Committee reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on 1-15-2026.
[meeting date]

Lyn Durant
[signature of Chair]

Designated Planning Agency Report
September 18, 2025

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

Internally I have been working on the updated MMP FAQ to send with next month's meeting notices. There have been several local governments and members of the public reaching out to ask more about the MMP process, so the intent is to answer major questions and provide contact information again. Each county's fourth quarter MMP grant reports are due at the end of September, and I have delivered these and helped facilitate questions about reimbursements. I reworked the draft MMP document to be less of a workbook and be more presentable and understandable. It is mostly still an outline of major points, but available to the Committee by request. I have also spent a significant amount of time in the past several weeks on facility siting processes including reaching out to MSU Extension and EGLE to clarify the role of the MMP and local governments in this process.

I continued meetings with the MAR MMP Planner's group to discuss issues and resources across the state in beginning to draft each region's plans. On September 2, the organizer of the MRC's DPA workgroup sent a formal request to EGLE on behalf of the group to discuss additional resources and outreach that the State could provide in response to feedback that has occurred in the group. No response has been received yet. Our EGLE Recycling Specialist, Tracy, will be on a road trip to visit UP communities next week; if you have anyone you know that may benefit from meeting about recycling options and technical assistance, please let me know.

I have continued providing information and assistance to municipalities in Marquette and Dickinson County about obtaining additional carts for recycling services, and sat in on the Schoolcraft and Delta NextCycle technical assistance groups to help align their projects to the MMP's goals. These groups are looking for options to increase recycling participation and develop additional infrastructure in their areas. I also met with Ali O'Neal, who has transitioned from Partridge Creek Compost to Resource Recycling Systems, the firm that administrates the NextCycle program, and has been working with the UP NextCycle Teams. As the Committee looks to develop the "Year 2" MMP Work Program for the funding available to counties, we can support projects like those sought by the NextCycle Teams by incorporating them to the budget recommendations.

The next application round for the NextCycle Accelerator program is open until October 29th. Applications from teams focused on Recycling Technology and Organics Solutions are welcome to apply for this free six-month program that provides coaching and support to businesses, nonprofits, and communities working on projects that advance material reuse, repair, recycling, recovery, or the use of recycled materials in products. There are virtual sessions to help teams develop an application on September 30th and October 8th.

The MRC is beginning its series of regional meetings on the "Business of Recycling and Local Economic Development" in Gaylord on October 7th. These meetings are intended to connect public and private sector leaders to understand the role that businesses play in the recycling economy in Michigan. The final meeting in this series is expected to take place in the UP in February or March, with more details at a later date.

Events

- September 30/October 8. NextCycle Application Party <https://nextcyclemichigan.com/apply>
- October 7. "The Business of Recycling and Local Economic Development" in Gaylord.
<https://nextcyclemichigan.com/2025-regional-workshop-reg-form>
- October 9, 11am-12pm. "Common Recycling Myths Busted – Plastics" EGLE.
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mY8r55C6Qq-886BdrrFQA#/registration
- October 16, 10am-11am. "Waste Gone Wile and Local Enforcement" EGLE.
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Of_CB4akT5ixCzJ03RFQIQ#/registration/

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