

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
October 16, 2025 at 3:00pm ET
2920 College Ave Escanaba, MI 49829

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Barbara Kramer at 3:06pm.

Roll Call

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

Other Attendees

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Christina Miller, EGLE (virtual)

Tracy Tomaszewski, EGLE (virtual)

Nico Vermaat, Marquette County Planning (virtual)

Joan Ecclesine (virtual)

With a quorum of members not present, and no official business requiring approval on the agenda, the Committee moved forward with the Work Session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Work Session

Materials Management Facility Siting Process and Requirements

Ryan Carrig introduced the materials in the packet which included a review of the siting process requirements and the results of the poll taken during last month's meeting.

- Lyn Durant asked to clarify that this discussion related to a regional process at this time, with further discussion needed to include individual county input.
- Phil Carter asked for clarification on the difference between disposal facilities (landfills, transfer stations) and materials utilization facilities (materials recovery facilities, composting facilities, anaerobic digesters, innovative technology facilities) for how the poll was conducted and how responses varied.
- There was extended discussion between members on facility types authorized by the MMP, their sizes and EGLE permitting requirements, and how these requirements could affect small operators or townships that may not know the thresholds for permitting, facility siting, reporting. How being too restrictive may stop entities from expanding access to composting, recycling, and waste diversion. Christina Miller offered some information about EGLE authorizations and reporting requirements related to "grandfathered" sites- mostly township-owned sites which currently exist but have not notified or reported in the past. Members discussed how to approach these site operators and haulers to reassure them that they can continue as they have and be involved in reporting.
- There was discussion on how existing facilities should be granted automatic consistency in the MMP, but if they expanded to include another facility type, they should be required to demonstrate consistency. The MMP should address automatic consistency by detailing the specific facilities, and not follow how some of the old solid waste planning allowed parcels or areas to be automatically consistent. How to ensure that existing facilities could expand to become waste diversion centers for collection of various types of materials without triggering the requirements. Christina Miller clarified that existing facilities classified as transfer stations could encompass a variety of materials without a change in facility type. Discussion on how existing sites expanding from "small" to "large" within their type could demonstrate automatic consistency.
- There was discussion on how the final approval responsibility for determining consistency would be retained by the respective County Board of Commissioners. The DPA would administratively review an application for completeness and the CUPMMPC would provide a formal recommendation by vote of the majority of the number of members of the committee.
- Phil Carter asked a question about how the application timeframe would address if a County Board of Commissioners did not add a determination of consistency to its agenda within a reasonable timeframe. There was agreement that the process should include an automatic approval if an application was not taken up.

Ryan Carrig then introduced the draft siting review procedures.

- There were questions about the level of detail, which Carrig clarified was intentionally broad and could be worked to include more or fewer requirements at the Committee's discretion.
- There were questions about local zoning approvals, and how the Committee could communicate or add a goal in the MMP to include that local governments adopt a basic set of zoning requirements for various facility types.
- Lyn Durant asked whether the wording of Part 115 that details the process pathways for demonstrating consistency would be needed in this section of the MMP for clarity.
- Christina Miller added that the requirements for the "supplemental siting criteria for proposals that do not have host community approval" must be included in the Plan as objective criteria and not be upon determination by a County Board of Commissioners when the proposal is heard.
- There were questions about the Part 115 wording allowing exceptions for demonstrations of consistency where there is at least 66 months of disposal capacity.
- Further work is required to determine how an appeals process would be conducted.

Public Comment

Christina Miller commented that Ryan Carrig has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the requirements of Part 115.

Committee and Staff Comment

Lyn Durant commented in agreement to Christina Miller's statement and the benefit of having CUPPAD coordinate MMP development for local units.

Ryan Carrig reminded Committee members that the next meeting will be Thursday November 20th. The Chair will make a decision on whether the meeting will be held as an in-person regular meeting or a hybrid work session.

Adjournment

The Work Session was adjourned by consensus at 4:40pm.

Minutes recorded by Ryan Carrig.

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