

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA**  
**MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
November 20, 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>County</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Bruce Birr	Schoolcraft	Virtual	
Phil Carter	Marquette	In-Person	
Brian Ciupak	Alger		Excused
Lyn Durant	Marquette	Virtual	
John Groleau	Menominee		Excused
Nick Hanchek	Menominee		Excused
Todd Kangas	Delta		Excused
Barbara Kramer	Dickinson	Virtual	
Kelly Livermore	Alger	In-Person	
Dave Lundquist	Delta	Virtual	
Jim Nankervis	Marquette	Virtual	
Terri Rabitoy	Delta		Excused
Mike Stannard	Marquette		Excused
Peter Swanson	Dickinson	Virtual	
Kristin Thornton	Marquette		Unexcused
Kelli van Ginhoven	Delta	In-Person	
Kathy Vermaat	Marquette	Virtual	
Brad Younk	Menominee		Excused
Brad Zellar	Schoolcraft	Virtual	
(vacant) Alger, City or Village Elected Official	Alger		
(vacant) Dickinson, Environmental Interest Group	Dickinson		
(vacant) Dickinson, Waste Diversion Facility	Dickinson		
(vacant) Schoolcraft, Optional Elected Official	Schoolcraft		

**Other Attendees**

Ryan Carrig, Designated Planning Agency Contact, CUPPAD

Dotty LaJoye, CUPPAD

Nico Vermaat, Marquette County Planning (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 revised version of the siting process requirements based on the discussion of the October meeting.

- Lyn Durant asked if there could be definitions of the various types of materials management facilities and terms included in the siting process- Ryan Carrig replied that a list of definitions is included in the draft materials management plan for each type of facility and terms.
- Lyn Durant asked if the wording had to be detailed enough to be clear which specific types of facilities a given process applied to- Ryan Carrig replied that EGLE maintains a matrix for what requirements a type of facility falls into, and that similar classification was in the packet's included process chart.
- Lyn Durant asked if the process chart in the packet could be included in the text of the Plan for clarity- Ryan Carrig replied that it could be, with Kathy Vermaat agreeing that it helped clarify the various process types and facilities.
- Ryan Carrig led the Committee through a current example of application of the process by a facility proposed in the City of Escanaba. The proposed Materials Recovery Facility is exempt from local zoning, but had received a host community approval. When the Materials Management Plan is in effect, this facility would have qualified as automatically consistent under process.
- Phil Carter asked how automatic consistency would be granted and whether the process should include meeting a demonstrable need for capacity or goal in the Plan- Ryan Carrig replied that similar wording had been incorporated in the Committee's review process for the demonstration of consistency. Discussion between Committee members on demonstrating need and capacity, and how to balance free enterprise and the possibility of using the Plan for denials. Members discussed how capacity should be addressed in the Plan, and how existing and needed capacity could be defined in a manner to accommodate additional facilities. There was a general agreement that a discussion or review of capacity and needs should occur as part of the review process.
- A discussion of the amount of time a County Board of Commissioners would have for a review and determination was agreed to be 45 business days.
- Phil Carter asked for clarification on the use of "paved, all-season public road" for access to a facility- Ryan clarified that this wording carried over from the old solid waste plans, and the intention that large facilities receiving multiple truckloads, or providing a public access, should have a road built to that capacity, in which it would likely be paved.
- Barbara Kramer asked next steps for a proposal receiving a denial on appeal to EGLE- Ryan Carrig will confirm with EGLE what that process may be.
- Phil Carter related that this process should be reviewed in detail to ensure that an automatically consistent facility was not otherwise sidestepping additional Part 115 or local zoning requirements, or when it came to another instance where it would seek an additional review of consistency like an expansion in size- Ryan Carrig clarified that the demonstration of consistency is called "automatic" but relies on a review of every proposal and consensus of that

determination by the Committee. Being "automatically consistent" does not exempt a facility from the process. Lyn Durant added that some wording to that effect should be included in this section.

- Kathy Vermaat asked whether a review by legal counsel was anticipated by CUPPAD or the Counties prior to release of the draft MMP- Ryan Carrig related that in his opinion the work resulting from the Committee's discussions so far had not led to an instance where a legal opinion may be necessary. Kathy described the relationship between the text and the charts included in the packet, and that the Plan should include wording that the text should take precedence if there was anything unclear. There was consensus to include such.

Ryan Carrig related that this process and requirements have now been discussed at length by the Committee, and asked what direction the Committee would like to go for the next meeting. Carrig related that work sessions could likely be continued for December, with a likely in-person meeting for January due to the annual election of officers. The next work session meeting would return to discussion of the goals of the Plan. Chair Kelli van Ginhoven determined that the December meeting would continue as a work session.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Ryan Carrig confirmed that the next meeting would be Thursday December 18 at 3:00pm and would be organized as a work session. EGLE's Recycling Infrastructure Grant RFP has been released and is due January 28, 2026. Technical assistance is available through CUPPAD.

Lyn Durant commented on a change in Marquette County membership anticipated to be taken up by the Board of Commissioners in December. Lyn requested that upcoming winter meetings be held at an earlier time for safety; Kelli van Ginhoven agreed that a discussion of meeting dates/times be included in the reorganizational meeting in January.

Barbara Kramer wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season and commented on public input on recycling efforts in Iron Mountain, Kingsford, and Norway.

Phil Carter commented on his resignation as Executive Director of Partridge Creek Compost, and the search for a new Executive Director to continue the operation. Phil will continue as a PCC Board representative and as representative on the CUPMMPC. Lyn Durant asked that Phil send the job description to the Committee members to communicate to others.

Kelli van Ginhoven commented on her appointment being subject to the County Board's reorganization and committee assignments at their first meeting in January and her preference to remain on the Committee.

#### **Adjournment**

*The Work Session was adjourned by consensus at 4:04pm.*

Minutes recorded by Ryan Carrig.

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