Minutes
SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pokagon Band Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

Role	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Solid Waste Facility Operator	Bob Kras	IP												
Hauler	Christopher Phillips (Vice-Chair)	A												
Materials Recovery Facility Operator	Donovan Kelley	IP												
Composting Facility Operator	Adam Brent	IP												
Waste Diversion, Reuse, Reduction Facility Operator	Sheila Bergen	IP												
Environmental Interest Group	Kalli Marshall (Chair)	IP												
Elected Township Official	David Kuhn	IP												
Elected City/Village Official	Deah Muth	IP												
Business that generates Managed Materials	Al Pscholka	E												
Regional Planning Agency	John Egelhaaf	IP												
Sovereign Nation	Jennifer Kanine	IP												
Berrien County														
Elected County or Municipal Official	Dave Vollrath	IP												
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Jeff Doroh	V												
Cass County														
Elected County or Municipal Official	Roseann Marchetti (Secretery)	E												
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Amy Huser	IP												
Van Buren County														
Elected County or Municipal Official	Kurt Doroh	IP												
Business that Generates Managed Materials														
IP - Present in Person; V - Participating remotely; E- Excused absence; A - Unexcused absence; A blank spot means the position is vacant														

Public Present

Adams, Jill

Field, Jaysen

McGrew, Rich

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
   Chair Kalli Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Role call was taken, and it was established that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
   John Egelhaaf moved to **"ACCEPT THE AGENDA."** Kurt Doroh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. **Approval of December 15, 2025 Minutes**
   Dave Vollrath moved to **"APPROVE DECEMBER 15, 2025 MINUTES."** Deah Muth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**

   Working Groups Update

   The Education and Policy working groups met for the first time on Monday, January 5th. The Policy group will work on developing clear, realistic policy for the MMPC to consider as well as funding and roles for implementation of policy. The Education group discussed outreach methods, education topics, and motivations for recycling.

   Recycling Goals Consolidation

   Marshall walked the Committee through an exercise to take the existing draft objectives and better organize them under the most appropriate goals. Multiple objectives addressed similar topics but had been previously organized in separate goals. Through the exercise, the Committee focused on the recycling cluster of goals.
5. **Hearings**
   None.
6. **New Business**

   Officer Elections

   Marshall explained to the Committee they were obligated by the bylaws to elect officers each year. Egelhaaf made a motion to reelect the officers who had been in place in 2025. Kalli Marshall as Chair, Christopher Philips as Vice-Chair, and Roseann Marchetti as Secretary. Donovan Kelley seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

   Organics Goals Assignments and Resources

   The Committee discussed a process of proceeding through the cluster of goals associated with organics and assigning responsible parties and potential partners. This activity had previously been done for the recycling goals. As the exercise began, it became apparent that some objectives required refinement and possible re-sorting as had been subsequently done for the recycling objectives. This refinement will be done in draft form outside of the context of an MMPC meeting by Marshall and Schrag, then final versions will be addressed by the MMPC at their February meeting.

7. **Public Comment**

   None.

8. **Miscellaneous**

   Egelhaaf noted that Marchetti has expressed that she will be challenged to make the Wednesday at 1:00 monthly meetings. She hoped that the group would consider moving the start time to 1:30. An informal discussion took place in which multiple members voiced a willingness to change but not for the meetings to run past 3:00. A compromise of 1:15 was proposed and it was asked that Schrag reach out to Marchetti to find of the 1:15 start is a suitable compromise.

9. **Adjournment**

   Dave Vollrath moved to adjourn the meeting. Deah Muth supported the motion. Chair Marshall declared the meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Bekah Schrag
January 12, 2026