**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**WWRA Facility, Werkner Road**

**May 28, 2025**

1. **Call to Order – Tony Iannelli, Chairperson:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions**

City of Chelsea Tony Iannelli – Present

Dexter Township Michelle Stamboulellis – Present

Alternate Karen Nolte

Lima Township Nanette Havens – Present

Lyndon Township Bob Mester – Present

Alternate: Vacant

Manchester Township Kim Thompson – Absent

Alternate: Sybil Kolon

Bridgewater Township Amy Ahrens - Present

(Associate Member)

Facility Manager Marc Williams – Present

Recording Secretary Janis Miller - Present

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Mester, supported by Stamboulellis, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes – Bob Mester, Secretary**

Motion by Stamboulellis, supported by Havens, to approve the April 23, 2025 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Public Comment:** Opened 7:03 PM. No public present.

Facility Manager Williams noted that Education Coordinator Karissa has posted a recycling graphic on social media.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Nanette Havens, Treasurer**
2. Bond Interest $238.18 Balance $667,784.06
3. Operating Interest $2,342.98 Balance $579,055.14
4. General Balance $177,084.00

Discussion: April 30th the county made a payment on the bond. Audrey sent the March Budget.

Motion by Mester to authorize payment of bills from April 22, 2025 through May 27, 2025, in the amount of $29,450.30. Motion second by Havens. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Facility Manager’s Report – Marc Williams**
2. Volume and Revenue Report
3. For April processed 550 Tons with revenue of $46,306.38.
4. Fiber/cardboard/mixed paper remained flat for the fourth consecutive month.
5. Nonferrous metal dropped $100 a Ton
6. Ferrous metal dropped $2.50 a Ton.
7. Shipped three loads of glass for recycling to Strategic Materials in Chicago, Il.
8. 25 film bales and 25 rigid plastic bales shipped in one load to cover costs.
9. Operating Status of Facility and Single Stream System
10. May 1st the door spring to the main tipping door was replaced.
11. Hydraulic cylinder on the trash compactor cracked so both were sent out for repairs. Both are reinstalled and working as intended.
12. Robot arm broke and was replaced with one in stock.
13. Currently we have no room for waste oil and we would have to pay $ .030 a gallon to have it picked up.
14. Repaired and painted three commercial rear load recycling bins.
15. Will soon be ordering the wheels for the wire strapper along with getting a quote for the larger hydraulic line replacement.
16. Equipment Update
17. 1997 Forklift transmission line replaced after fatigue crack.
18. 2007 Forklift will be replacing tires in coming months.
19. 2007 Sterling testing the A/C for airline leaks and testing the blender door actuator.
20. 2013 Bobcat at Duible Equipment for hydraulic leak repair Marc couldn’t locate.
21. 2022 Auto Car replaced wheel speed sensor and will be replacing a few tires from ones in stock.
22. Staff and Labor Update
23. Patrick Miller resigned on Tuesday, May 27, 2025
24. We currently have 10 full-time employees.
25. Interview scheduled with Ryan Whited for June 11, 2025.
26. Grant Update: Nothing new to report.
27. Other news to report:
28. Owners of the Bridgewater Store (where the recycle bins are locate) called for general inquiries that escalated into threats of illegal dumping. Marc invited them to a WWRA Board meeting for a conversation.
29. A Dexter Township resident called to complain about the noise of the trucks waking him up. As Marc wasn’t familiar with the Dexter Township noise ordinance, he invited the resident to a WWRA Board meeting for a conversation with the Dexter Township representative. Marc followed up by asking his drivers to be as cautious as possible with dropping of bins and opening bin doors.
30. Pavement holes at the Fairground site have been filled.
31. Part of the bin site on Dexter/Chelsea Road has been purchased for a resident’s driveway.
32. Consumers Energy is continuing to credit the WWRA Bill for consecutive outages in a 12-month period.
33. Marc attended the Michigan Bottle Bill Workshop on the anniversary (1986) date of April 27th. The purpose of the workshop was to diagnose the issues in recycling and then how to use the money in the bottle return account for improvements in recycling infrastructure and capture of returnable cans.
34. Soon, Marc will be meeting with Lodi Township Supervisor Jan Godek and Washtenaw County Director of Public Works Theo Eggermont regarding Lodi Township becoming an associated member of Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.
35. **New Business**
36. Breakdown of materials

#8 News is mixed paper including cardboard

OCC is old corrugated cardboard

HDPE – High Density Polyethylene Natural plastic – milk/juice jugs, grocery/trash bags, shampoo/soap bottles, detergent/bleach containers

PETE or PET – Polyethylene Terephthalate – soda/water bottles, clear squeeze bottles, peanut butter/jelly jars

MRP -Rigid Plastics – polycarbonate, polylactide, acrylic, acrylonitrile butadiene, styrene, fiberglass, and nylon

Non-Ferrous Metal – not magnetic – stainless steel and aluminum

Ferrous Metal – magnetic

Car Batteries

1. Update on assessment payments: No update.
2. Update from Dexter Township single-hauler RFP

No decision has been made. One hauler stands out from the RFP’s but many details have to be worked out before a decision. The Township will engage the community at meetings to answer all questions. The impact to WWRA to remove the bins at the Dexter Township Hall would be $86,304.00 per year.

1. **Public Comment:** Opened 8:07 No public present.
2. **Future Agenda Items**
3. Dumping enforcement at bin sites
4. Lodi Township update
5. Assessment collection
6. Single Hauler update from Dexter Township
7. WWRA increases for CAFÉ Plan in the 2026 Budget – August agenda
8. Cameras on bins – August agenda
9. **Adjournment**

Motion by Stamboulellis, supported by Mester, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

*Next regularly scheduled meeting of the WWRA Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, June 25, 2025,*

*7:00 P.M. at the WWRA Facility on Werkner Road.*

Bob Mester Tony Iannelli

WWRA Secretary WWRA Chairperson

Janis Miller – Recording Secretary