

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
June 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Manistee County Government Center
415 3rd St, Manistee, MI 49660**

MMPC Member Attendance			
Chris Gee, GFL <i>rep. of a solid waste disposal facility</i>	P	Nikki Koons, Manistee County <i>elected official of the county</i>	P
Todd Harland, Republic Services <i>rep. of a hauler</i>	P	Larry Paquette, Cedar Creek Township <i>elected official of a township</i>	E
Rita Meech, Ms. Green <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility</i>	P	Joe Gryzbowski, City of Manton <i>elected official of a city or village</i>	P
Jason Murphy, Waste Management <i>rep. of a composting facility</i>	P	Cory Brown, Northern Disposal <i>business rep. generating material</i>	P
Karla Kasten-Smith, BARC <i>rep. of a diversion, reuse, or reduction</i>	P	Mike Szokola, Networks Northwest <i>rep. of the regional planning area</i>	P
Renee Mallison, Manistee Conservation District <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	E	Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
Jason Baughan, Wexford County <i>multi-county appointment</i>	P		
TO BE APPOINTED <i>Multi-County Elected Official (Wexford)</i>	-	Attendance Key: <i>A – Absent</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Staff in Attendance: Lisa Sagala (Manistee County), Joe Porterfield (Wexford County), Tyler Dula (Manistee Conservation District), Mathew Cooke (Networks Northwest/DPA Representative)			

1. Call to Order

Mathew Cooke, DPA Representative called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by Karla Kasten-Smith, supported by Jason Murphy, to approve the May 29, 2025 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of April 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chris Gee, supported by Sherry Blaszk, to approve the April 23, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Materials Management Planning

Survey

Mathew Cooke updated the MMPC that all surveys (Resident, Local Units of Government, and Business) have been released. Business cards with a QR Code and link information have been developed to hand out at community events. Please contact Mathew Cooke if you would like to get any of these business cards to distribute.

Process

Mathew Cooke noted that they would be meeting with RRS to determine what the best route is for data collection and other technical components on Friday, June 27, 2025.

County Demographics

Mathew Cooke shared the County demographic profiles with the population. business, and housing information relevant to materials management planning.

Previous Planning Documents

Mathew Cooke noted that there were several previous planning documents in the agenda packet for MMPC consideration in future discussions. These included the Materials Management County Engagement Reports, EGLE Materials Management Profiles, SEEDs Organic Waste Diversion information, and the previous solid waste plans goals and objectives. Discussion took place on various challenges such as cardboard recycling, incentivizing recycling, and zoning changes.

Community Engagement

Mathew Cooke showed a list of events that are being considered for community engagement within Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford Counties.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Committee Comments

None.

8. Adjourn

Mathew Cooke mentioned the next meeting is planned for July 23rd at 10:00am at the Wexford County Courthouse in Cadillac.

The June 25, 2025 MMPC meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.