

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County  
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes  
February 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
Wexford County Courthouse**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Larry Paquette, Chair, 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 Tyler Dula, to approve the February 25, 2026 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. Approval of October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Karla Kasten-Smith, supported by Tyler Dula, to approve the October 22, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 5. Election of Officers

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Tyler Dula, to nominate Karla Kasten-Smith as Chair of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Jason Murphy, to nominate Micheal Bush as Vice-Chair of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Chris Gee to nominate Cory Brown as Secretary of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Karla Kasten-Smith, supported by Larry Paquette to close nominations and elect the slate of Karla Kasten-Smith as Chair, Micheal Bush as Vice-Chair, and Cory Brown as Secretary for the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 6. 2026 Meeting Dates

Mathew Cooke reviewed the meeting schedule and timeline for remaining tasks for the MMP development process (see attached revised memo). He explained that while there will be intention

to hold MMPC meetings monthly, they will pivot to workshops if a meeting quorum is not achieved in order to continue plan development. Specific meeting dates were called out as necessary for a full MMPC meeting.

*Motion by Cory Brown, seconded by Sherry Blazsak to approve the 2026 Meeting Dates for the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 7. Materials Management Planning

### a. Process Update

### b. Data Analysis Review

Kristen Wieland, RRS provided a presentation of the data analysis.

### c. MMP Surveys

Mathew Cooke noted that the survey results were included in the packet and were utilized to help draft the goals and objectives and action planning thoughts.

### d. Goals and Objectives Discussion

Mathew Cooke mentioned some possible goals and objectives for the Committee's thoughts. Discussion included:

- Education and Outreach is the top goal
- Adding drop off sites in areas not meeting benchmark standards
- Being aware of grants and possible lack of materials management federal funding opportunities
- Lack of infrastructure but allowing for public or private investment to grow
- Lack of composting facilities in planning area
- Encourage zoning for worm casing or other recycling facilities that are non-traditional uses

## 8. Public Comment

None.

**9. Committee Comments**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

*The February 25, 2025 MMPC meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.*