

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
March 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Missaukee County Annex Building
105 South Canal Street Lake City, Michigan 49651**

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>	P
<i>To be appointed as alternate</i> Luke Mattison, 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>	E	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>	P	Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
TO BE APPOINTED <i>Multi-County Elected Official (Wexford)</i>	-	<i>Attendance Key:</i> <i>A – Absent</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Others in Attendance: Jessica Nielsen (Missaukee County), Joe Porterfield (Wexford County), Mathew Cooke (DPA Representative),			

1. Welcome and Introductions

Larry Paquette, MMPC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by Nikki Koons, supported by Sherry Blaszak, to approve the March 26, 2025 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Nikki Koons, supported by Cory Brown, to approve the February 26, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bylaw Review

Mathew Cooke, DPA Representative, noted that revisions to the bylaws included alternates, per diem and mileage following Manistee County rules, and a revised conflict of financial interest statement.

Motion by Nikki Koons, supported by Joe Gryzbowski, to approve the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Planning Committee Bylaws (as presented/as amended) and send to the respective County Approval Agencies for consideration of approval.

6. Work Program Overview and Review

Mathew Cooke noted revisions to the Work Program draft included highlighting tasks and timelines for Fiscal Year 2025, additional notes to the FY 25 tasks, noting the nwm.org/mmp webpage and meeting dates and locations, and correcting the population of Manistee County. Mathew clarified the funding was through the State income tax act.

Motion by Cory Brown, supported by Nikki Koons, to approve the Manistee-Missaukee Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Plan Work Program (as presented/as amended) and send to the respective County Approval Agencies for consideration of approval.

7. Materials Management Plan Discussion

Mathew Cooke was looking for general committee discussion on materials management planning to help shape the public engagement and survey, considering goals and objectives, and other ideas for consideration. Committee discussion led to the following items being brought up:

- Differences between recycling (cartons vs tin vs plastics)
- Where to take tires
- Educational Materials for communities
- Potential Events such as parades, festivals, etc.
 - Norman Township Festival in the Park

- PA 69 funding versus other funding
- Lithium Ion Batteries
- Monofilament tube recycling (fishing line)
- Food waste reduction
- Battery drop-off availability
 - Who gets recycled batteries and what happens with them afterwards
- Printing Ink Cartridges
- Simplifying recycling accessibility
- Logistics of collected recycling
 - What are the waste streams and where does it go
- Information on different plastic coding and how they get utilized when recycled
- Availability of recycling for general public
- What are the contamination rates?
- Food scraps and cardboard
- City of Manistee Composting
- Blight issues
- Recycling vs trash rates
- Why recycling should be paid
- How recycling is being paid for or can be paid for

Mathew Cooke said that a future survey would be pushed out through various channels such as local government contact lists, social media, economic development organizations, newspapers and media, amongst others. He was aiming for a June release of the survey with it running through the summer.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Committee Comments

Renee Mallison asked about examples of organic waste composting. Cory Brown mentioned Hammond Landscape Supply, Mathew said he would connect Renee with Carters Compost, and the worm composting was mentioned.

Jason Murphy noted that making recycling as easy as possible would increase participation, but this would require increased costs which needs to be communicated of the benefit and need.

Chris Gee mentioned examining where rates are lower or higher between the different municipalities to target outreach.

Sherry Blazsak mentioned noting how recycling is already being paid for by the counties or municipalities.

10. Adjourn

Mathew Cooke mentioned the next meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 23rd at 10:00am at the Wexford County Government Center in Cadillac.

Motion by Nikki Koons, supported by Cory Brown, to adjourn the March 26, 2025 MMPC meeting at 10:48 am. Motion carries unanimously.