

Charlevoix County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
July 30, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center
13513 Division Street Charlevoix, MI 49720

MMPC Member Attendance			
Victor VanDeventer rep. of a solid waste disposal facility	E	Annemarie Conway elected official of the county	P
Kirk Miller rep. of a hauler	P	Robin Hissong-Berry elected official of a township	E
Andre Grobaski rep. of a materials recovery facility (MRF)	E	Vacancy elected official of a city or village	-
Sarah Roy rep. of a composting facility	E	Jonathan Scheel business rep. generating material	E
Mark Bevelhymer rep. of waste diversion, reuse, or reduction	A	Isha Pithwa rep. of the regional planning area	P
Kyra Allen rep. of an environmental interest group	P	Josh Chamberlain additional member per part 115	P
		Attendance Key: A – Absent Z – Zoom	P – Present E – Excused Absence
Staff in Attendance: Kiersten Stark (Charlevoix County), Lora Roberts (Charlevoix County), Josh Cline (Charlevoix County), Tracy Tomaszewski (EGLE), Mathew Cooke (DPA-Networks Northwest)			

1. Call to Order

Jonathan Scheel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03am

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Josh Chamberlain, seconded by Robin Berry to approve the June 25, 2026 agenda, as presented.

Motion carries unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Annemarie Conway, seconded by Josh Chamberlain to approve the April 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Motion carries unanimously.

5. MRC Education Grant Opportunity

Mathew Cooke noted that Networks Northwest would be pursuing this grant to fund a region wide advertisement on the lifecycle of trash, recyclable, and compostable materials going into landfills.

Josh Cline stated that Charlevoix County would individually apply. He said he was looking into trifold brochures or running educational advertisements in the newspaper. Additional ideas generated were large banners and articles in the newspaper to educate.

6. Materials Management Planning

a. Process Update

Grammatical and some content revisions have been made and will be delivered for the August meeting. Meeting with EGLE yielded the recommendation to include additional information in the MMP, specifically the siting criteria and goals and objectives. RRS will also be assisting with cost estimates and a checklist to meet Part 115.

b. Draft MMP Review and Discussion

Discussion on the MMP led to the following points:

- Planning for 2-3 new recycling drop-sites
 - Hayes Township
 - Bay Township at Hudson Bay
 - Hudson Township Hall
 - Geographic considerations in any selection
- Josh Cline monitors how often bins are collected and adjusts as needed
- Increased Recycling Millage
 - May include HHW
- Funding the Materials Management Coordinator to a full time employee

- Seeking out grants such as the EGLE Infrastructure to fund projects
- Noting that the recycling millage has not increased in 26 years
- What the millage covers and what it provides to residents
- Data collection being included in future contracts, but establishing voluntary reporting
- Replicating EJ Schools composting
- Examine what Beaver Island does that we can replicate elsewhere
- Can Emmet County help service Charlevoix County businesses for food waste
- Encouraging at-home composting
 - Organics Grant could potentially fund the purchase of composting bins for at home use
- Engaging with EGLE curriculum for schools
- Seasonal Collections of specific items
 - Mattresses, boat shrink wrap, etc.
- Information on where you can get rid of special items
 - Freon removal, electronics, etc.
- Tri-fold
 - Direct people to website where most information lies
 - Call out specific materials and how to recycle
- Support local units of government engaging in single-hauler contracts
 - Educate elected officials and the community on the benefits of single-hauler contracts

7. Committee Member Comments

It was noted that Kyra Cunningham would be leaving the MMPC as she takes a teaching job with Charlevoix Public Schools. MMPC members thanked her for her time on the committee. A short discussion was held on potentially reducing the committee size to 7 following MMPC approval of the MMP. Mathew Cooke will work to see how this could be accomplished.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjourn