

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
June 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Wexford County Courthouse**

MMPC Member Attendance			
Chris Gee, GFL <i>rep. of a solid waste disposal facility</i>	E	Nikki Koons, Manistee County <i>elected official of the county</i>	P
Todd Harland, Republic Services <i>rep. of a hauler</i>	E	Larry Paquette, Cedar Creek Township <i>elected official of a township</i>	P
Rita Meech, Ms. Green <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility</i>	E	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>	E
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
Tyler Dula, Manistee Conservation District - Represented by David Wallace, Board Chair <i>rep. of an environmental interest group,</i>	P	Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
Michael Bush, Wexford County <i>multi-county appointment</i>	P		
	-	Attendance Key: A – Absent Z - Zoom	P – Present E - Excused Absence
Staff in Attendance: Lisa Sagala (Manistee County), Mathew Cooke (DPA-Networks Northwest)			

1. Call to Order

Karla Kasten-Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by David Wallace, supported by Jason Murphy, to approve the June 24, 2026 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of April 22, 2026

Motion by Jason Murphy, supported by David Wallace, to approve the May 27, 2026 MMPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MMP

a. Process Update

i. MMP Timeline

Mathew Cooke reviewed an updated timeline which gave July, August, and September as review and discussion months for the draft MMP leading into the approval process. It was noted that the public comment period is currently slated for October 1st to November 30th. The timeline remains on track for July 2027 submission to EGLE.

ii. Materials Management Education and Outreach Video

Mathew Cooke noted that there has been discussion at the Materials Management Advisory Committee meetings about a public outreach video. Various ideas were presented but it was a general consensus that the video should be informative in nature. Getting information out to the public was mentioned as a necessity.

iii. Local Unit of Government MMP Newsletter

Mathew Cooke mentioned that a second LUG MMP Newsletter was in development to be released in July. The content will be in regards to the draft MMP, survey responses, and the approval process.

b. Overview of First Draft MMP

Mathew Cooke said that the first MMP draft was developed using EGLE's MMP Plan Format. He led the committee through the content and structure of the plan, noting the next

few meetings would be utilized for review and discussion to finalize items like the goals and objectives. Mathew Cooke noted that Networks Northwest would be meeting with EGLE and RRS in July to discuss MMP drafts.

Corrections and comments to the draft as presented included:

- Clarification and rebuild of facilities inventory within the plan
- Village of Bear Lake missing from recycling drop-off sites
- Noting in-flow of waste received from Wexford County
- Importance of composting within the plan and of proper compost maintenance
- Correction of Wexford Landfill's fee structure
 - .45 in county per ton and .60 out of county per ton
- Conservation District assisting with education and outreach
- NextCycle Grants
 - Missaukee Conservation - Christmas Tree to Bio-char
- Enforcement of illegal dumping
- What are consumer problems at the recycling drop-off sites?
 - What is showing up that should not be?
- Including the MMP appendices for the next meeting

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Committee Comments

None.

8. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2026 in Cadillac.

The June 24, 2026 MMPC meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.