

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County  
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes  
April 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM  
Wexford County Sheriff's Office - Training Room  
1015 Lincoln Street Cadillac, MI 49601**

MMPC Member Attendance			
<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>	P	<b>Larry Paquette, Cedar Creek Township</b> <i>elected official of a township</i>	E
<i>To be appointed as alternate</i> <b>Luke Mattison, 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>	P
<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>	E
<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>Renee Mallison, Manistee Conservation District</b> <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	E	<b>Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission</b> <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
<b>TO BE APPOINTED</b> <i>Multi-County Elected Official (Wexford)</i>	-	Attendance Key: <span style="float: right;">P – Present</span> A – Absent <span style="float: right;">E - Excused Absence</span>	
Staff in Attendance: Lisa Sagala (Manistee County), Joe Porterfield (Wexford County), Mathew Cooke (DPA Representative)			

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Nikki Koons, MMPC Vice-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 Jason Murphy, to approve the April 23, 2025 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. Approval of March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Chris Gee, supported by Sherry Blaszk, to approve the March 26, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 5. Materials Management Planning

#### a. Process Update

Mathew Cooke provided an update on the MMP process noting that the Fiscal Year 2025 Work Program was approved by all three county approval agencies and is submitted for EGLE review and approval, a request for proposals for technical assistance and support with MMP due on May 9, 2025, and discussing survey and community engagement in preparation to send out a survey in June running through the end of summer.

#### b. MMP Discussion, Survey, and Community Engagement

Mathew Cooke said that one of the purposes of the survey is to gain community background information utilizing that to assist with draft goals and objectives and implementation. There will be 3 different surveys for residents, local units of government, and businesses to respond to. He noted that the DPA will attend 2-3 community events in each county throughout the summer to help build awareness of materials management planning and drive survey responses.

Discussion took place on the survey and community events leading to the following topics being discussed:

- Survey
  - Explain what MMP is to respondents
  - Would you be interested in recycling
  - Add question for residency: permanent, transient, or visitor

- How recycling is currently paid for
  - Missaukee - Millage, Manistee (minus 3 jurisdictions) - PA69)
- Definitions of organics, recycling, etc.
- Business Survey
  - Who picks up their recycling
  - Who is buying their recycling
  - Estimated volumes of cardboard, plastics, etc.
  - Recycle to waste rate
- Educational outreach, promotion, social media
- Avenues to push out survey
  - Senior centers, chambers of commerce, Farm Bureau, Township newsletters/texting services, HHW events
- Community events
  - MMPC members are open to attend with NN staff if they are available and would like.
  - Events to consider
    - Michigan Township Association local meetings, Hoxville Fest, August 16th Manistee HHW Event, Manistee Green Team, Wexford County-wide clean up event

Mathew Cooke noted the agenda packet included the previous solid waste plan goals and objectives for review. General MMP discussion included having short term and long term implementation and goals and objectives. Additional recycling opportunities lie with existing programs such as Sharps disposal, medical lending libraries, drug take back programs, and plastic bag recycling. Lastly, Mathew Cooke clarified the EGLE Plan Format is the format to follow for plan development. He noted they would use that as a base for the MMP plan.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Committee Comments**

None.

**8. Adjourn**

Mathew Cooke mentioned the next meeting is planned for May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Manistee County Government Center in Manistee.

*Motion by Mike Szokola, supported by Joe Gryzabowski, to adjourn the April 23, 2025 MMPC meeting at 11:26 am. Motion carries unanimously.*