

**Antrim County  
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes  
March 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM  
Antrim County Government Center  
203 E. Cayuga St., Bellaire, MI 49615**

<b>MMPC Member Attendance</b>			
Andre Grobaski, GFL <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility (MRF)</i>	<i>E</i>	Bill Hefferan, Antrim County <i>elected official of the county</i>	<i>P</i>
Melissa Zelenak, Sunshine Recycling <i>rep. of a hauler</i>	<i>E</i>	Mark Byard, Central Lake Township <i>elected official of a township</i>	<i>P</i>
Lindsey Mason, Elk Rapids MMPC/ECT <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	<i>P</i>	Michelle Fox, Village of Central Lake <i>elected official of a city or village</i>	<i>P</i>
Isha Pithwa, Networks Northwest <i>rep. of the regional planning area</i>	<i>P</i>		
	<i>P</i>	<i>Attendance Key:</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Others in Attendance: Tracy Tomaszewski (EGLE), Taylor Moore (Food Rescue), Mathew Cooke (DPA – Networks Northwest)			

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Lindsey Mason, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

Taylor Moore from Food Rescue gave an overview of their organization whose mission is to increase access to healthy food and reduce food waste to landfills. They serve 10 pantries throughout Antrim County and work with many local businesses as well as grocery stores. They utilize volunteers to help rescue and collect food and receive funding from donations, grants, and revenues from Goodwill stores. It was also discussed that there are protections to food donations under the Good Samaritan Act that businesses may not know about.

**III. Review Proposed Agenda**

*Motion by Michelle Fox, supported by Bill Hefferan, to approve the August 28, 2025 MMPC agenda. Motion carried unanimously. MF, Bill*

**IV. Approval of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Mark Byard, supported by Michelle Fox, to approve the October 23, 2025 MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

**V. Election of Officers**

Motion by Michelle Fox, supported by Lindsey Mason, to nominate and elect Melissa Zelenak as Chair, Lindsay Mason as Vice-Chair, and Michelle Fox as Secretary.

- Andre - We need some participation from GFL
- Antrim does not levy the full millage amount, what can the millage be used for
- Signage,

**VI. MMPC Reduction**

Mathew Cooke mentioned that the MMPC has been reduced to 7 committee members with no one being removed aside from a combination of GFL members with Andre Grobaski being the representative of a materials recovery facility. Mathew Cooke noted he would discuss with Andre Grobaski the necessity of attending meetings moving forward or a replacement would be needed. Zoom was also discussed as being used, with a note that there is no proxy voting.

**VII. 2026 Meeting Dates**

The 2026 meeting date was confirmed to continue on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00pm.

**VIII. MMP Process Update**

**a. Data Analysis**

Mathew Cooke noted that RRS would be at the next meeting to review and discuss the Data Analysis draft. Comments included:

- Better tracking of data

**b. Draft Language**

Mathew Cooke went over the draft language for Community Input, Existing Conditions, and Previous Planning. Discussion included:

- Survey results are an indicator of MMP direction
- Adding food banks to existing conditions
- Antrim County does not levy the full millage, just what is needed for GFL Recycling Contract
- What the Recycling Millage can be used for
- Adequacy of drop-off sites - overflowing, contamination, etc.
- Future Request for Proposals to include data collection
- Separate glass collection from single-stream

**c. Goals and Objectives**

- Education and Outreach with schools, local units of government, social media, etc.
- Engaging farmers with composting education and training

**d. Siting Criteria**

Mathew Cooke provided a presentation on materials management siting criteria (see attached).

**e. Funding Mechanisms**

Mathew Cooke provided a presentation on funding mechanisms for materials management (see attached).

**IX. Committee Member Comments**

None.

**X. Public Comment**

**XI. Adjourn**

*Motion by Michelle Fox, supported by Lindsay Mason to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm*