

## **Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Planning Committee**

**Date:** April 22, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Missaukee County Annex  
Commissioners Meeting Room  
105 S Canal Street  
Lake City, MI 49651

### **PROPOSED AGENDA - Revised**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of February 25 and March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
- V. Data Analysis Review - RRS**
- VI. Materials Management Planning**
  - a. Process Update**
  - b. Draft Language Review**
    - i. Community Input**
    - ii. Previous Planning**
    - iii. Existing Conditions**
    - iv. Siting Criteria**
    - v. Funding Mechanisms**
  - c. Goals and Objectives Review**
- VII. Committee Member Comments**
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Adjourn**

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**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County  
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes  
February 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
Wexford County Courthouse**

<b>MMPC Member Attendance</b>			
<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>	E	<b>Larry Paquette, Cedar Creek Township</b> <i>elected official of a township</i>	P
<b>Rita Meech, 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>	E
<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>	P
<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>Tyler Dula, Manistee Conservation District</b> <i>rep. of an environmental interest group,</i>	P	<b>Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission</b> <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
<b>Micheal Bush, Wexford County</b> <i>multi-county appointment</i>	E		
<b>TO BE APPOINTED</b> <i>Multi-County Elected Official (Wexford)</i>	-	<i>Attendance Key:</i> <i>A – Absent</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Staff in Attendance: Lisa Sagala (Manistee County), Bill Gamble (City of Manistee), Christina Miller (EGLE), Aubree Carlisle (EGLE) Tracy Tomaszewski (EGLE), Kaitlyn Kikstra (SEEDs), Mathew Cooke (DPA-Networks Northwest)			

**1. Call to Order**

Larry Paquette, 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 Tyler Dula, to approve the February 25, 2026 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. Approval of October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Karla Kasten-Smith, supported by Tyler Dula, to approve the October 22, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 5. Election of Officers

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Tyler Dula, to nominate Karla Kasten-Smith as Chair of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Jason Murphy, to nominate Micheal Bush as Vice-Chair of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Larry Paquette, supported by Chris Gee to nominate Cory Brown as Secretary of the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Karla Kasten-Smith, supported by Larry Paquette to close nominations and elect the slate of Karla Kasten-Smith as Chair, Micheal Bush as Vice-Chair, and Cory Brown as Secretary for the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 6. 2026 Meeting Dates

Mathew Cooke reviewed the meeting schedule and timeline for remaining tasks for the MMP development process (see attached revised memo). He explained that while there will be intention

to hold MMPC meetings monthly, they will pivot to workshops if a meeting quorum is not achieved in order to continue plan development. Specific meeting dates were called out as necessary for a full MMPC meeting.

*Motion by Cory Brown, seconded by Sherry Blazsak to approve the 2026 Meeting Dates for the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 7. Materials Management Planning

### a. Process Update

### b. Data Analysis Review

Kristen Wieland, RRS provided a presentation of the data analysis.

### c. MMP Surveys

Mathew Cooke noted that the survey results were included in the packet and were utilized to help draft the goals and objectives and action planning thoughts.

### d. Goals and Objectives Discussion

Mathew Cooke mentioned some possible goals and objectives for the Committee's thoughts. Discussion included:

- Education and Outreach is the top goal
- Adding drop off sites in areas not meeting benchmark standards
- Being aware of grants and possible lack of materials management federal funding opportunities
- Lack of infrastructure but allowing for public or private investment to grow
- Lack of composting facilities in planning area
- Encourage zoning for worm casing or other recycling facilities that are non-traditional uses

## 8. Public Comment

None.

**9. Committee Comments**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

*The February 25, 2025 MMPC meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.*

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County  
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes  
March 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
Wexford County Courthouse**

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<b>Tyler Dula, Manistee Conservation District - Represented by David Wallace, Board Chair</b> <i>rep. of an environmental interest group,</i>	P	<b>Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee County Planning Commission</b> <i>Member of General Public</i>	P
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Staff in Attendance: Lisa Sagala (Manistee County), Bill Gamble (City of Manistee), Mathew Cooke (DPA-Networks Northwest)			

**1. Call to Order**

Karla Kasten-Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Review Proposed Agenda**

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*Motion by Jason Murphy, supported by Cory Brown, to approve the March 25, 2026 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **4. Approval of October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the February 25, 2026 meeting minutes was postponed to the following meeting.

#### **5. Materials Management Planning**

##### **a. Process Update**

Mathew Cooke distributed and reviewed the draft language for Existing Conditions, Community Input, and Previous Planning. Comments included:

- Pleasanton Recycling Drop-off (Manistee)
- PCA Trailer no longer available
  - Still one in Kaleva and Bethren
- What the MMP can do towards cardboard recycling
- Consider Food Banks - Feeding America
  - Cadillac Food Bank off Boon Road takes cardboard
- Missaukee Recycling Center
- Reference to MMP facilities in region
- Add: Missaukee Recycling Millage at .25 mills
- Utilizing food pantries to rescue and recover food from businesses
- How to utilize technology in reducing waste
- Polystyrene (styrofoam) recycling in dark containers
- NextCycle grant considerations
- Battery recycling
- Education and Outreach contracting with organizations like Conservation Districts to carry out
- Stainless steel recycling
- Recycling Guidebook for counties
- Manufacturer responsibility for lifespan of products created

- Mattress Recycling

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Committee Comments**

None.

**8. Adjourn**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026 in Lake City.

*The February 25, 2025 MMPC meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.*