

**Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
May 27, 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>	E
Rita Meech, Ms. Green <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility</i>	P	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>	E	Cory Brown, Northern Disposal <i>business rep. generating material</i>	P
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>	E
Michael Bush, Wexford County <i>multi-county appointment</i>	P		
	-	<i>Attendance Key:</i> <i>A – Absent</i> <i>Z - Zoom</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
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 10:05 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by Michael Bush, supported by Cory Brown, to approve the May 27, 2026 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of April 22, 2026

Motion by MB, supported by Mike Bush, to approve the April 22, 2026 MMPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Materials Management Planning

a. Process Update

Mathew Cooke noted that the first draft MMP is planned to be presented at the June MMPC meeting. The timeline remains the same with review of the MMP in June, July, and August before the review and approval process begins.

b. Siting Criteria Draft

Mathew Cooke reviewed the siting criteria draft with the MMPC with the following comments offered:

- Referencing the state requirements (setbacks, etc.)
- Ability to require escrow for improvements to infrastructure in Community Host Agreements
- Community Host Agreements including getting rid of illegally dumped trash at recycling sites

c. Goals and Objectives Discussion

Discussion on various goals and objectives prompts led to the following discussion:

- Manistee - Public Act 69 Communities Growth
 - Planning for drop-off site locations, materials
- Voter approval of Recycling Millage Renewal - Missaukee
- Addition of drop-off sites in each County by 20xx
 - People don't recycle properly or dump things in them
 - Enforcement of illegal dumping

- Ensure residents know of existing services available
- Agriculture tire recycling (over 30" tall and 12" wide)
 - Lafarge Cement in Alpena has a tire shredder

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Committee Comments

None.

8. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026 in Manistee.

The May 27, 2026 MMPC meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.