

IONIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

County Administration Building  
101 West Main Street  
Ionia, MI 48846

**Members Present:** Jack Shattuck, Clare Colwell, Rob Weick, Gary Pitsch, Melissa Eldridge, Al Almy, Lynn Mason

**Members Absent:** Jorel Davis, Mark Novak, George Chickering, John Feuerstein

**Others Present:** Chief Deputy County Clerk Amy Gorham, Sarah Osburn, and several members of the public

Call to Order

Chairman Shattuck called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Member Almy supported by Member Colwell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Shattuck reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2022. meeting. After review, it was moved by Member Eldridge, seconded by Member Weick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chairman Shattuck called for public comment. Comments regarding information from the State that might be helpful to the Committee were offered and will be emailed to the board if requested.

Business

Christina Miller aided the Committee based on her experience with EGLE. She stated if the business meets the criteria, they are consistent with the plan. Also,

counties can be more restrictive than the State in their plan. Christina explained that a site review board consisting of 6 people, and is a separate entity, needs to be installed and that board will decide on the expansion. Pitsch must get a wetlands permit, submit an application to the County Clerk, the Board of Commissioners and then to the Site Review Board.

It was discussed that the Solid Waste Planning Committee needs to consist of 14 members. This will be necessary to have a quorum when it is time to vote.

There was discussion by the Committee regarding tipping fees, surcharges, and user fees.

Christina Miller stated that pending legislature may solve some of the problems that are being discussed.

Sarah Osburn, an attorney from Cohl, Stoker, Toskey, mentioned that enforcement should be addressed in the new plan.

The Committee set their next meeting date for November 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Public Comment

Members of the public suggested that the Committee prioritize, organize, monitor and enforce the plan.

#### Adjourn

It was moved by Member Almy, seconded by Member Pitsch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Gorham  
Chief Deputy Clerk