

IONIA COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 25th, 2026

10:00 am

County Administration Building Commissioner's Board Room – 3rd Floor

101 West Main Street

Ionia, Michigan

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Present: John Feuerstein (Otisco Twp), Dan Tietema (Organicycle), Doug Hyland (Village of Muir), Steven Blayer (Granger), Tonya Tepin (Ionia Conservation District) Lynell Wilson (Ionia Chamber of Commerce), Jack Shattuck (Ionia County).

Absent: Dan Schoonmaker (Michigan Sustainable Business Forum), Don Johnson (Waste Management), Chris Jensen (Portland Township), Melissa Eldridge (Ionia Conservation District), Gary Pitsch (Pitsch Enterprises)

Guest Present: n/a

Public Comments: n/a

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve June agenda made by Shattuck supported by Feuerstein.

Approval of April Minutes motion by Shattuck, supported by Tietema.

Old Business

1. Data Report
 - a. 20 hazardous waste appointments since April. Scheduling every two weeks now.
 - b. Held discussions with various entities that handle Medical Waste throughout Ionia County. Feedback to be shared upon beginning the Medical Waste unit.
2. Updates:
 - a. Ironing out T.V. disposal discrepancies among Ionia County entities/businesses.
 - b. A-frame signage for recycling sites being made. There is shared interest in advertising the full lifecycle of our sites' recyclables.
3. Hazardous Waste Goals Section Draft Approval. Motion to approve made by Blayer, supported by Hyland.

New Business

4. Medical Waste Background information.

a. Medical waste is defined by the State of Michigan as:

- i. “any of the following that are not generated from a household, a farm operation or other agricultural business, a home for the aged, or a home health care agency:
 - (a) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, including laboratory waste, biological production wastes, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, culture dishes, and related devices...
 - (b) Liquid human and animal waste, including blood and blood products and body fluids, but not including urine or materials stained with blood or body fluids.
 - (c) Pathological waste.
 - (d) Sharps.
 - (e) Contaminated wastes from animals that have been exposed to agents infectious to humans, these being primarily research animals.”

From EGLE Medical Waste Program. 2025. Medical Waste Directory.
Materials Management Division Solid Waste Section.

- b. Medications by definition are “hazardous waste.” To include them in this section, we would need to rename the section to be “Pharmaceutical and Medical Waste”
- c. Due to the lack of diversion options for these waste streams, goals will be heavily focused on public education and assisting interorganizational partnerships/communication.

Adjournment: motion made by Hyland Supported by Blayer. 10:54am.

Additions to Materials Management Binder:

- I. Approved Draft of the Hazardous Waste Goals Section

Next Meeting: July 23rd, 2026, 10:00am