

Solid Waste Funding Workgroup April 27, 2012, Meeting Notes

The meeting was held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Con Con Conference Room, Atrium South, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.

The workgroup was welcomed. The members introduced themselves and identified which organization they are representing.

Jason Geer	Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Kerrin O'Brien	Michigan Recycling Coalition (for Sandy Rosen)
Michael Csapo	RRRASOC representing waste authorities
Bill Lobenherz	Michigan Soft Drink Association representing the Michigan Recycling Partnership
Gary Dawson	Consumers Energy Company representing Type III landfill interests
Patty O'Donnell	Northwest Michigan Council of Governments representing the Michigan Association of Regions (Phone)
Dan Batts	Representing Michigan Waste Industries Association
Randall Slikkers	Goodwill Association of America representing reuse stores
Roger Simon	Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Company representing Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Andy Such	Michigan Manufacturers Association representing MMA
William Hinz	Allegan County Health Department representing Health Departments (MALPH)
Liz Browne	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Rhonda Oyer	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Matt Flechter	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Also invited but unable to be present were...	
Tom Frazier	Michigan Townships Association
Geoffrey Donaldson	St. Clair County representing Michigan Association of Counties
Doug Wood	Kent County Department of Public Works representing Waste to Energy facilities and County Public Works Departments
James Clift	Michigan Environmental Council
Jason Mancini	Michigan Municipal League representing MML

The notes for the March 9, 2012, and the April 13, 2012, were distributed. One spelling error was fixed in the 4/13 notes and they were approved for posting on the web.

The inspection sub-committee has concluded their work and their recommendation is to not support contracting out inspections of solid waste management facilities. Draft language was shared with the SWFW. The subcommittee will amend the language to make it suitable to include in the report.

An updated set of funding scenario spreadsheets was shared with the SWFW. The handouts included 7 scenarios with various combinations of solid waste surcharge funding on different facilities. Also, scenarios were included with the \$1 million "trash to jobs" fund, surcharge on waste utilization activities, and graduated surcharges. The discussion on the short-term funding mechanism was put on hold and moved to the appropriations process.

The SWFW discussed the challenges of the current solid waste surcharge funding mechanism.

Other funding mechanisms were discussed and the list was narrowed down to sustainability fee, half-back deposit, general fund, and sales tax increase.

Next Meeting is May 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Rachel Carson Conference Room, Atrium North, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.