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November 19, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Tracy Hall, Chairperson  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners  
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Ms. Hall:

The locally approved Amendment #2 to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) received by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD) on August 27, 2021, is hereby approved.

The amendment makes the following changes:

- Updates the Miller Road Transfer Station Facility Description.
- Identifies the Miller Road Transfer Station as a processing facility.
- Identifies any expansions of the Miller Road Transfer Station located at 2606 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, for its solid waste transfer station or processing plant as automatically consistent with the plan.

EGLE would like to thank Kalamazoo County for its efforts in addressing its materials management issues. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Christina Miller, Solid Waste Planning Specialist, Sustainable Materials Management Unit, Solid Waste Section, MMD, at 517-614-7426; [EGLE-MaterialsManagementPlanning@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-MaterialsManagementPlanning@Michigan.gov); or EGLE, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Browne, Director  
Materials Management Division  
517-284-6551

cc: Senator Sean McCann  
Representative Julie Rogers  
Representative Christine Morse  
Representative Beth Griffin  
Representative Matt Hall  
Ms. Liesl Eichler Clark, Director, EGLE  
Mr. Aaron B. Keatley, Chief Deputy Director, EGLE  
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Ms. Carlie Money, EGLE  
Ms. Amy Karana, EGLE/Kalamazoo County File



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

*Sent via email*

August 27, 2021

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RE: Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Draft Plan Amendment #2 – Best Way Disposal  
Miller Road Transfer Station

Ms. Miller,

Per the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA), Part 115, and its Administrative Rules, the Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Development and the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SWMPC) are requesting review of Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment #2.

Attached via email is the draft Plan Amendment #2 language to the County Solid Waste Management Plan for the expansion of the existing Miller Road Transfer Station. The draft Plan Amendment #2 includes the specific locations of additions or changes in the Plan, with a map and property description included for the proposed location. The SWMPC and the Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission (KMCP), the County's Designated Planning Agency, have followed the administrative approval process for the approval of draft Amendment #2, including providing a 90-day public review period with a public hearing.

Following the public review period and the public hearing, the SWMPC recommended Draft Plan Amendment #2 to the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) on April 21, 2021. The County BOC approved the draft Amendment #2 on June 1, 2021, and recommended Plan Amendment #2 to the municipalities in Kalamazoo County. Greater than 67% of the local municipalities in Kalamazoo County have passed a Resolution approving Draft Plan Amendment #2. The BOC resolution and the

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resolutions of approval from 18 of 24 municipalities within Kalamazoo County are also included with the Draft Plan Amendment #2.

Kalamazoo County appreciates your assistance and guidance during this process. Please contact me with questions or if you need additional information for the review of the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment #2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachael Grover".

Rachael Grover  
Director

Cc: Lisa Henthorn, Interim Administrator/Controller, Kalamazoo County Government  
Jeff Sorensen, Chair, Kalamazoo County SWMPC  
Vince Carahaly, Chair, KMCPC  
Daniel J. Batts, Best Way Disposal, Inc



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December 2, 2020

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee  
c/o Lotta M. Jarnefelt, Planning & Development Department  
201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
[LMJARN@kalcounty.com](mailto:LMJARN@kalcounty.com)

***RE: Application to Amend Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan***

Dear Ms. Jarnefelt:

The Miller Road Transfer Station is currently included in the 1998 Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan"). The transfer station is operated by Best Way Disposal, Inc. ("Best Way"). Best Way seeks to enlarge the boundaries and operations of the transfer station beyond what is currently set forth in the plan. The legal description and site plan in the 1998 Plan document depict only a 300' x 240' square (essentially the footprint of the transfer station building). In order to continue providing efficient, cost-effective service to a growing community, Best Way requests that this Committee amend the Plan so that it will 1) encompass the entire boundary of the Miller Road Transfer Station property, and 2) allow Best Way's operations to include processing and recycling in addition to its current activities at this site.

The transfer station building was constructed in 1984. Best Way or its affiliates have operated at this site for over 30 years. The two parcels that make up this site consist of 9.51 acres. This is the area Best Way would like to have included in an Amended Plan.

Best Way Disposal is also a part of the County's 1998 Plan; it is listed as a Solid Waste Collection Service Provider in Table 4, which uses Miller Road Transfer Station and Orchard Hill Landfill as its Disposal Facilities. This relationship is still in effect, with no changes to that expected in the foreseeable future.

This expansion would have little or no adverse effect on neighboring properties and would benefit the County by enabling the operation to expand as necessary. If Best Way is able to utilize its entire footprint, it will be well-positioned to seamlessly incorporate processing and recycling operations at this site. Having



the entire property included in the Plan will also allow it to remain at this location, rather than a seeking out a new, larger site somewhere else if its solid waste operations outgrow the current description in the 1998 Plan.

This letter is an application to amend the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management plan to encompass Best Way's entire property, and to allow it to conduct processing and recycling operations in addition to its current activities.

**A. Applicant Information**

Name of Applicant: Best Way Disposal, Inc. (BWD)

Name of Operator: Best Way Disposal, Inc.

Name of Property Owner: Hennesey Land Co. (HLC)

Please note – BWD, HLC, and Landfill Management Company (which owns the Orchard Hill Landfill) are corporate affiliates under identical ownership and management.

Site Name & Address: Miller Road Transfer Station  
2606 Miller Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Corporate Office Address: 5300 E ML Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Email: Daniel J. Batts; [djb@landfillmanagement.com](mailto:djb@landfillmanagement.com)

**B. Property Information**

Parcel ID: 06-25-314-001 (2.08 acres) & 06-25-318-001 (7.43 acres)

Government Unit: City of Kalamazoo

Legal Description: Current property included in Plan – See attached **Exhibit A**

Depiction of property requested for Amended Plan – See Attached **Exhibit B**

Acres: 9.51 Acres

**C. Type of Request**

Adopt the enclosed Amendment to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan.  
Please contact me with any questions or if you required any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Batts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel J. Batts  
Manager

## AMENDMENT 2 TO KALAMAZOO COUNTY

### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_\_

The Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan (December 1998) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

1. Table 2, "Inventory of Solid Waste Disposal Areas" (II-2), is hereby supplemented as follows:

- a. At the end of Table 2, following the list of solid waste disposal areas under the heading "Type B Transfer Stations," add the following:

<u>Processing Plants</u>	<u>County</u>
Miller Road Transfer Station	Kalamazoo

2. Table 3, "Descriptions of Solid Waste Disposal Areas" (II-3), is hereby amended as follows:

- a. Under the heading "Type A Transfer Stations", "Miller Road Transfer Station", "Wastes received" (II-8), add: recyclables, contaminated soils, paper sludge.
- b. Under the heading "Type A Transfer Stations", "Miller Road Transfer Station", "Total area of facility property" (II-8), strike "+/- 1 acre" and insert "+/- 9.51 acres
- c. Under the heading "Type B Transfer Stations" (II-10), add the following:

#### **PROCESSING PLANTS**

##### **Miller Road Transfer Station**

Location: Kalamazoo County, T2S R11W Section 25

Final Disposal Site: Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill

Owner: Landfill Management Company (private)

Operating Status: Open and Licensed

Wastes received: residential, commercial, industrial, construction, demolition, trees and stumps, recyclables, contaminated soils, paper sludge

Total area of facility property: +/-9.51 acres

Estimated days open per year: 312

Estimated yearly disposal volume: Unknown

3. Table 11, "Inventory of Solid Waste Disposal Areas" (III-6), is hereby supplemented as follows:

- a. At the end of Table 11, following the list of solid waste disposal areas under the heading "Type B Transfer Stations," add the following:

<u>Processing Plants</u>	<u>County</u>
Miller Road Transfer Station	Kalamazoo



4. Table 12, “Descriptions of Solid Waste Disposal Areas” (III-7), is hereby amended as follows:
  - a. Under the heading “Type A Transfer Stations”, “Miller Road Transfer Station”, “Total area of facility property” (III-12), strike “+/- 1 acre” and insert “+/- 9.51 acres.
  - b. At the end of Table 12, following the list of solid waste disposal areas under the heading “Type B Transfer Stations” (III-14) add the following:

**PROCESSING PLANTS**

**Miller Road Transfer Station**

Location: Kalamazoo County, T2S R11W Section 25

Final Disposal Site: Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill

Owner: Landfill Management Company (private)

Operating Status: Open and Licensed

Wastes received: residential, commercial, industrial, construction, demolition, trees and stumps, recyclables, contaminated soils, paper sludge

Total area of facility property: +/-9.51 acres

Estimated days open per year: 312

Estimated yearly disposal volume: Unknown

5. Table 15, “Selected Recycling System” (III-19), is hereby supplemented as follows:
  - a. At the end of the paragraphs under the heading “Drop-off programs” (III-20), add the following:

The **Miller Road Transfer Station** is a privately operated drop-off which is open to the public year round. The drop-off accepts Cardboard, Paper, Rigid Plastic 1-7, Aluminum, Tin, Steel (Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals), Wood, Glass, Concrete, Asphalt & Compost.

6. On Page III-27, add the following below the paragraph in “Facility Siting Procedure”:

The following facility is deemed automatically consistent with the plan:

Miller Road Transfer Station for any expansions at its solid waste transfer station or as a new processing plant; located at 2606 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

7. Appendix D, “Attachments” (D-1) is hereby amended as follows:
  - a. Attachment D-8, the Miller Road Transfer Station, is removed and replaced with the attached **Exhibit C** as “Attachment D-8a”.

**Attachment D-8a**  
**Exhibit C**  
**Miller Road Transfer Station**

**Parcel Number: 06-25-314-001**

*County tax description:*

G25-28-2 Section 25-2-11 Beginning 260ft West of the intersection of the E&W 1/4 line of Section 25 with the westerly line of the GTW Railroad right-of-way; thence South 05deg 34min East 484ft; thence East 260ft; thence South 05deg 34min East 183.13ft to the south line of the N 1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 25; thence West 328.02ft along said south line; thence North 05deg 34min West 667.13ft parallel to the westerly line of said right-of-way to the E&W 1/4 line; thence East 68.02ft along said E&W 1/4 line to the point of beginning, excluding the North 33ft for Miller Road.

**Parcel Number: 06-25-318-001**

*County tax description:*

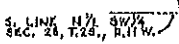
G25-10-2 Sect 25-2-11 that part of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying E of the ELY li of the GR&I RR right of way.

**Both Parcels:**

*Deed Legal Description (Liber 1210 Pg 152)*

Land located in the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Town 2 South, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the East and West quarter line of said section 328.02 feet West along said quarter line from the West line of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, thence Southerly parallel with the West line of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad 667.13 feet to the South line of the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of said section; thence West along said South line 191.58 feet to the East line of the Conrail right-of-way (formerly G.R. & I. Railroad); thence Southerly along the East line of the Conrail right-of-way to the South one-eighth line of said section; thence East along said one-eighth line to the West line of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad; thence Northerly along said West line of said Grand Trunk Western Railroad 850.42 feet; thence West parallel to the East and West quarter line 260 feet; thence Northerly parallel to the West line of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad to the East and West quarter line of said section; thence West along said quarter line to the place of beginning, subject to conditions, limitations, restrictions, and easements of records.

## Miller Road Transfer Station



## **Section 2**

### **Signed Minutes - Amendment #2**

- a. SWMPC approval prior to 90-day comment period**
- b. SWMPC approval to forward to County Commission**

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Members – Representing:**

Emily Bridson, Vice Chair – Solid Waste Management  
Chris Phillips, Secretary – Solid Waste Management  
Eric Shafer – Solid Waste Management  
Steve Taplin – Solid Waste Management  
Lee Adams – Regional Solid Waste Planning Agency  
Rebekah Kik – City Government  
Zac Bauer – County Government  
Roger Tuinier (alternate) – County Government

Andy Wichman – Industrial Waste Generator  
Chandler Lyons – General Public  
Roxanne Myles – General Public  
Chad Visser – General Public  
Jeffrey Sorensen, Chair – Township Government  
VACANCY – Environmental Interest Group  
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Designated Planning Agency (DPA) contact – Lotta Jarnefelt, Deputy Secretary; Director, Planning & Development Department

## **KALAMAZOO COUNTY**

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWMPC)**

### **Meeting of December 16, 2020**

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## **MINUTES**

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### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Sorensen called the virtual meeting held via Zoom to order at 7:00 pm and noted that the meeting is being recorded.

### **II. Roll Call**

Chair Sorensen asked Ms. Jarnefelt to take attendance by roll call. Ms. Jarnefelt stated that advisory boards have been directed to ask everybody to provide their location during Zoom meeting roll calls (city, township, village or county):

Present:

Lee Adams – yes, Portage

Zac Bauer – (joined later from City of Kalamazoo)

Emily Bridson – yes, Kentwood

Rebekah Kik – yes, City of Kalamazoo

Chandler Lyons – yes, Kalamazoo Charter Township

Roxanne Myles – yes, Kalamazoo Charter Township

Chris Phillips – yes, City of Kalamazoo

Eric Shafer – yes, City of Three Rivers

Jeffrey Sorensen – yes, Cooper Charter Township

Steve Taplin – (joined later from Cooper Township)

Roger Tuinier – no

Chad Visser – (joined later)

Andy Wichman – yes, Prairie Ronde Township

Zac Bauer, Steve Taplin, Chad Visser and alternate Roger Tuinier not present during roll call, two vacancies.

Others present were Lisa Henthorn, Deputy Administrator for the County, External Affairs, Sarah Osborne, legal consultant for the County and Rachael Grover, technical support for the meeting.

**III. Members Excused**

Chair Sorensen asked if any members had called in advance to be excused. The Chair was hoping that some of the members would join the meeting later.

**IV. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda**

No changes to the agenda were requested.

**V. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Bridson to approve the agenda. Approval by roll call. All present stated yes.

Chad Visser reported difficulty joining the meeting. Zac Bauer joined the meeting from the City of Kalamazoo and voted yes for the agenda. Motion carries.

It was noted that Christina Miller from EGLE was present and available to answer questions if needed.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020. Approval by roll call. All yes, motion carries.

Steve Taplin reported that he was in the meeting by phone and he was moved over from the Zoom Public webinar attendees to the Panelists.

**VII. Public Comments**

Steve Leuty spoke and deferred to Section 8 for a non-agenda item.

Mike Balkema from Best Way Disposal asked when it was appropriate for him to speak and the Chair asked him to speak when Best Way Disposal's amendment proposal is being discussed.

**VIII. Discussion and/or Action Items**

1. Review of Current Bylaws – Action Item

i. Review edits and potential approval of bylaws.

Ms. Jarnefelt read the questions that had been compiled about the bylaws received from the members and the response to them from Ms. Osborne.

Motion by Ms. Bridson, seconded by Mr. Shafer to approve bylaws.

During discussion Ms. Jarnefelt asked if anyone had any experience in defining an annual application time for amendment applications. Chair Sorensen stated that any amendment application or other items for the SWMPC agenda should be received in a timely manner so the Committee can review the item before the meetings. He also pointed out that the SWMPC's part in the application process is just one of many steps, such as local municipalities' approvals required for any proposed projects to come to fruition.

Question to Ms. Osborne was made whether the bylaws should state that materials

need to be received within a specified time before the meeting. She stated that it can be a requirement going forward, but it is acceptable to process the amendment application items on the current agenda at this time.

Ms. Miller from EGLE stated that when making any official action such as for a 90-day comment period or approval of a Plan amendment the majority of the 14 members (8) would have to vote in favor in order to approve it, not just the majority of members attending a meeting. It was agreed that the bylaws have adequate language to reflect this. Approval by roll call. All yes, motion carries.

2. Application to Amend Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) from Waste Not Recycling, LLC

i. Review draft amendment language

Ms. Jarnefelt reviewed the draft amendment language. The applicant had provided complete amendment language, and only minor tweaks had been made in it such as adding page numbers for reference. One item that was lacking was a siting procedure, which had been added. A final version of the amendment was emailed before tonight's meeting and the amendment is ready for approval for the 90-day public review.

Mr. Shafer asked about the timeline of approval and when the public will have an opportunity to comment.

Chair Sorensen and Ms. Jarnefelt provided a review of the amendment process, and outlined opportunities for public comment on the amendments including during the 90-day public review as well as when the amendments are presented to the County Board of Commissioners and the Township Boards for their approvals respectively. In addition the required local site plan approval processes have a public comment component.

Chair Sorensen stated that he would like a separate motion for each amendment to keep the amendments independent of each other during the Plan amendment process. He asked for input from Ms. Osborne who agreed that the applications can be considered separately and then be discussed whether to combine them or not.

Mr. Shertzing representing Waste Not Recycling, LLC, gave an overview of steps that have been taken with the amendment process at this time. He asked to have the public hearing as soon as possible and not to combine the amendments, stating they can run concurrently. If one was contentious, it could make it complicated during the various stages of approval if one or the other amendment was put on hold for some reason.

Ms. Miller from EGLE said concurrent amendments are acceptable, and she recommended to approve both for public review at the same time to avoid confusion.

Mr. Shafer made the motion to amend the County Solid Waste Management Plan to consider the Waste Not Recycling LLC amendment proposal, Ms. Lyons seconded.

Mr. Shafer asked it to be confirmed that since he is not an employee of Waste Not Recycling, LLC he can vote on this item. This was confirmed by Ms. Osborne.



Mr. Taplin asked whether there has to be approval from the local unit before the amendment can be processed. Local approval is not needed for the Plan amendment to move forward, but local site plan and other appropriate approvals are still needed before a project can be finalized.

There was discussion about what type of motion was needed.

Mr. Shafer revised his motion to be a motion to authorize the Plan Amendment 1, Waste Not Recycling, LLC, application to proceed to the 90-day public comment period. Ms. Lyons agreed to second the revised motion.

The Chair allowed Mr. Steve Leuty from the public to comment. Mr. Leuty is a Kalamazoo Township Trustee, but also talked as a previous employee having worked as the County's Recycling Coordinator. He noted that construction demolition materials make up a big part of the materials that end up in the landfill and that there is currently not much financial incentive to sort the trash, in fact the opposite is true. Mr. Leuty sees the proposed Waste Not Recycling project to be in line with the County's solid waste management goals to reduce waste that goes to landfills.

Approval by roll call. All yes, motion carries.

ii. Consider Next Steps

This item sidestepped as irrelevant

3. Application to Amend Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan from Best Way Disposal, Inc.

i. Review application

Chair Sorensen stated that the next item is to have a motion to allow the Best Way Disposal proposal, Amendment 2, to move to the 90-day Public Comment period.

Mr. Shafer made a motion to authorize the Plan Amendment 2 application by Best Way Disposal, Inc. to proceed to the 90-day comment period. Ms. Lyons seconded.

Ms. Myles, asked whether the Committee will be hearing from Best Way Disposal, Inc. Mike Balkema from Best Way Disposal, Inc. offered to provide a brief overview of the amendment proposal. Only a small part of Best Ways Disposal's property is listed as a solid waste disposal area in the current Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Plan does not allow any sorting or processing on the property. The company currently has a recycling drop-off as allowed in the Plan. The company is proposing to amend the Plan to allow use all of the available 9.51 acres of land for its current activities, as well as allowing to process and recycle materials on this 9.51 acres of land.

Approval by roll call. Eleven yes, Mr. Phillips abstained, motion carries.

ii. Consider Next Steps

This item sidestepped as irrelevant

4. Consider to combine applications and approving amendment language before going

out for the 90-day comment.

Chair Sorensen noted that item 4. on the agenda is immaterial as the motions to proceed to the 90-day public comment period have been approved separately for both proposed amendments.

**IX. Staff Report/Updates**

i. Update on Committee member appointments.

Ms. Jarnefelt reported that there are still two vacancies on the SWMPC board for members representing Environmental Interest Groups, and that the positions were posted on the County website until December 18. She encouraged members to spread the word and anybody who is interested to apply on Kalamazoo County website under Advisory Boards. It was clarified that applicants in this category should represent environmental interest groups, for example non-profits like the Kalamazoo Environmental Council, the Kalamazoo Nature Center, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, recycling non-profit groups. The applicants can be either volunteers or staff in the non-profits. Preferably they should live in the County according to the rules.

Chair Sorensen confirmed that the proposed Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 had been approved to be moved to the 90-day public comment period concurrently but as two separate amendments.

Ms. Jarnefelt clarified that she will be arranging to publish a notice in the paper about the 90-day public comment period and arrange to have the public hearing. Ms. Miller from EGLE has offered to help to schedule the next steps. After the comment period ends, the SWMPC may or may not incorporate received comments and adjust the language of either of the amendments. The proposed amendments will then go to the County Board of Commissioners for approval to send out to the municipalities to review. An approval rate of 67% is needed from the townships in order to then move forward to the next step.

**X. Public Comments (3 minutes each)**

Mr. Shertzing thanked the SWMPC for its work and for sending Amendment 1 to public comment.

Mr. Balkema thanked the SWMPC for its work on behalf of Amendment 2 and sending it to public comment.

**XI. Other**

No comments.

**XII. Board Member Comments**

Chair Sorensen asked for a roll call for member comments. No comments from members except as follows:

Ms. Bridson – Wished all Happy Holidays

Ms. Myles – Thanked staff for sharing information and wished all Merry Christmas

Mr. Phillips – Wished all Happy Holidays, and looks forward to discussions on amendments.

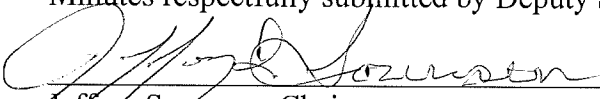
Chair Sorensen – Thanked all for good discussion and wished all Happy Holidays

Mr. Wichman – Wished all Happy Holidays and to stay safe.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Kik. With no nays, the meeting was adjourned 8:16 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deputy Secretary Lotta Jarnefelt

  
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Jeffrey Sorensen, Chair

**Next scheduled SWMPC meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 7 pm**

***Room 207A, County Admin Bldg***

***Or alternatively, held electronically or via teleconference.***

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Designated Planning Agency (DPA) contact – Lotta Jarnefelt, Deputy Secretary; Director, Planning & Development Department

## **KALAMAZOO COUNTY**

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWMPC)**

### **Meeting of April 21, 2021**

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## **MINUTES**

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### **I. Call to Order**

This meeting was recorded.

Chair Sorensen called the virtual meeting held via Zoom to order at 7:01 pm and noted that during roll call members need to state where they are calling from.

### **II. Roll Call**

Chair Sorensen asked Ms. Jarnefelt to take attendance and location by roll call. She stated that the meeting is being recorded.

Present:

Lee Adams – no

Emily Bridson – yes, Kentwood, Kent County

Rebekah Kik – yes, City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County

Chandler Lyons – yes, Kalamazoo Charter Township, Kalamazoo County

Roxanne Myles – yes, Kalamazoo Charter Township, Kalamazoo County

Chris Phillips – yes, Portage, Kalamazoo County

Eric Shafer – yes, Lockport Township, St Joseph County

Jeffrey Sorensen – yes, Cooper Charter Township, Kalamazoo County

Steve Taplin – no

Roger Tuinier – yes, Comstock Charter Township, Kalamazoo County

Chad Visser – yes, Kalamazoo County

Andy Wichman – Prairie Ronde Township

All in Michigan.

10 present, meeting has quorum. Steve Taplin had informed staff that he will not be present.  
Two vacancies.

Six public members present, also Lisa Henthorn, Deputy Administrator for the County - External Services, Sarah Osborne, legal consultant for the County and Rachael Grover, and technical support for the meeting.

**III. Members Excused**

Motion by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Phillips to excuse Mr. Adams and Mr. Taplin. Motion carries.

**IV. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda**

No changes requested.

**V. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Visser to approve the agenda. Motions carries.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Bridsen, seconded by Mr. Visser to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021. Motion carries.

**VII. Public Comments (3 minutes)**

Chair Sorensen invited the public to speak.

Commissioner John Gisler brought three items to the Committee's attention:

- There was a vote by County Board of Commissioners on funding for a YWCA program with about \$44,000 of County funds previously earmarked for Southwest Michigan First. Mr. Gisler did not vote for it.
- Work has started on the County Justice Center with digging on the site. There should be no delays in the construction process as the court staff is expected to take occupancy in May 2023. Otherwise the County has to start paying rent on the Michigan Avenue Courthouse.
- Mr. Gisler stated that he is newly appointed on the Disaster Committee, which deals with FEMA type items. He wanted to share information about [vaccinfinder.org](https://vaccinfinder.org), a way for residents to find out where vaccinations are available. He encouraged everybody to take note of the website.

**VIII. Discussion and/or Action Items**

1. Review of Amendment 1 – Waste Not Recycling LLC

- i. Public comments received during 90-day review and public hearing.

Ms. Jarnefelt reported that all written comments received during the public comment period from January 4<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were in favor of the project, except for one comment from the Parks Department received at the Public Hearing. The comments received are included in the meeting packet.

During the public hearing on March 17, there were 3 in favor of the project. There was 1 comment from the County Parks Department (the same as received in written form) that raised some concerns, especially about the driveway crossing State land that has an easement on it for the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail.

The public comment period has come to an end, and the SWMPC members are welcome to discuss the comments at this time.

Chair Sorensen stated that his research shows that it's hard to deny access to a property in these types of situations. He thinks that much positive changes have already been made on the site, and hopes that the County Commissioners will approve the draft amendment. He stated that it benefits the community, environment and both amendments will do a good job to make sure they are not a nuisance to the community. He understands that some people have concerns but believes that concerns will be addressed by both companies. He asked for any comments from the members. There was no comments.

ii. Review/Approval of proposed language of Amendment 1.

Ms. Jarnefelt noted that in discussions with Christina Miller at EGLE she received guidance to request a revised map from the applicant that just shows the outline of the property and also the proposed easement across the trail where the driveway would be. All the facility design and setbacks will have to meet the State requirements, from the State's perspective that information is not needed for the Amendment at this point. The State's requirements for the facility have to be met, the Township requirements can be stricter but cannot be less strict than the State's requirements. She pointed out that the draft Amendment 1 now has a map with the outline of the property, and a detail that shows the proposed easement over the railroad right-a-way and the trail to Ravine Road.

Chair asked if there was any further discussion.

Mr. Tuinier asked if the driveway across the trail was going to be a hold-up in the progress of this project.

Chair responded that it does not hold up the amendment process, but the approval from the DNR to allow the driveway to cross its property could be a hold up. He reiterated that it would be hard for a government agency to landlock a property without any access. The Road Commission has approved the access from Ravine Road for this venture contingent on approval from DNR. It could be a hold up, but the Chair noted that there are several driveway crossings of the trail and those safety issues have been dealt with stop signs and similar, and it should not be major concern. The trail crosses over railroads in several places. It is doable, but there could be a few hold ups but should work. He wishes that the EGLE, DNR and the Parks Department realize that.

There were no more comments.

iii. Motion to approve and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to approve draft Plan Amendment 1.

Chair Sorensen asked if there was a motion regarding Amendment 1.

Mr. Visser made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shafer, to approve and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that it approve the draft Plan Amendment 1.

During discussion, Ms. Jarnefelt reviewed the next steps should the County approve the draft Amendment. The next steps would be the review and approval by the municipalities (townships, villages and cities) in the County. When 67% approval rate was received from them, the draft Amendment would be sent to EGLE for final review and approval.

Should the County Board not approve the Amendment and send the Amendment back to the SWMPC with objections, the SWMPC has 30 days to respond to the objections and resubmit to the County Board for approval. If the County Board approved it at that point, the next steps would then follow.

Mr. Shafer asked if there was a time limit for the responses from the municipalities. Ms. Jarnefelt stated that there was no time limit, and that she planned to make the municipalities aware and request that they put the Amendment review and approval on their Board agendas. It is in the interest of the developer to make sure that the item gets on the agendas and the 67% approval rate is achieved within a reasonable time period.

Mr. Tuinier asked about the timeline and when the item is planned to be in front of the County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Jarnefelt stated that if the SWMPC votes to approve tonight, the Amendment is scheduled to be on the May 4<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion and request for a decision by the County Board will be on the May 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Vote on the motion by roll call, all yes. Motion carries.

## 2. Review and Discussion of Amendment 2 – Best Way Disposal, Inc.

- i. Public comments received during the 90-day review and public hearing.  
Ms. Jarnefelt reported that only a few comments were received and they are included in the meeting packet. One comment came from Calhoun County and a memo was received from Best Way Disposal, Inc. A representative of Best Way Disposal, Michael Balkema, also spoke at the public hearing. All three comments were in favor of the project, none expressed concerns.
- ii. Review/Approval of proposed language of Amendment 2.  
Ms. Jarnefelt reported that there were no changes to the Amendment 2 language.
- iii. Motion to approve and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to approve draft Plan Amendment 2.  
Motion by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to approve and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that it approve the draft Plan Amendment 2.



There was no additional discussion.

Vote by roll call, 9 yes, Mr. Phillips abstained. Motion carries.

3. Next steps in process.

Chair Sorensen asked Ms. Jarnefelt to reiterate the next steps in the process. She stated that the amendments will be on the County Board of Commissioners' May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for discussion and for a decision 2 weeks later on the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. The Board agenda is usually posted on the County website on the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. If approved, a request and related materials will be sent to the municipalities to vote on the amendments. The resolutions from the municipalities will be part of the amendment packet information that will be submitted to EGLE once the 67% approval rate has been achieved from the municipalities.

Chair Sorensen said he would be happy to attend the County Board meeting and would be available to respond to any questions if needed. All members are welcome to the open public meeting. Ms. Jarnefelt will forward the agenda when it is posted.

**IX. Staff Report/Updates**

1. Update on Committee vacancies

Chair Sorensen mentioned that the two positions for representatives of environmental interest groups on SWMPC have still not been filled.

Ms. Jarnefelt mentioned that as the amendment process is winding down, she wanted to mention that the solid waste management legislation is changing and recycling is going to become a much more important part of the work of the SWMPC. There will be changes in the Committee itself. There will be more information coming about the changes at a later date.

Mr. Shafer wondered if the one applicant to SWMPC (representing the public) could become a member of an environmental interest group in order to qualify for the vacant positions. Ms. Jarnefelt said she would look into that.

Ms. Jarnefelt reported that Rebekah Kik has resigned from her position as the city representative on SWMPC. The position will be posted soon on the County website.

**X. Public Comments (3 minutes each)**

No public comment

**XI. Other**

Ms. Jarnefelt stated that she will be retiring and her last day will be June 2, 2021. Another staff member will be taking over managing the SWMPC.

**XII. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Myles had well wishes for Ms. Kik and congratulations to Ms. Jarnefelt.

Mr. Phillips thanked Ms. Jarnefelt and Ms. Kik for their service.

Mr. Shafer echoed what was said before and thanked Ms. Kik and Ms. Jarnefelt for their

service.

Chair Sorensen said that he has strived to build intergovernmental relations, one of the ways to accomplish this has been to have an annual golf outing (except for last year due to Covid). All elected, staff and a friend or spouse are welcome, no need to play, one can attend just for fun and lunch at 1 pm for a small fee. June 25<sup>th</sup>, at Cooper Township, a shotgun start at 9 am, prices are available. He will provide a flier to Ms. Jarnefelt to forward to the Committee members. Also hopefully a banquet will be held again in November as well. Contact Chair Sorensen at Cooper Township at any time.

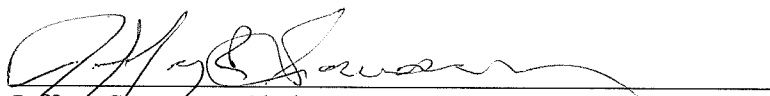
Mr. Tuinier stated that he was glad to see the Amendments moving forward. He asked how much longer before any construction would start on these projects. Ms. Jarnefelt stated that EGLE's estimate of an amendment process is 12-18 months. The process for these Amendments started in November 2020. Depending on how fast the responses are received from the municipalities (if received in the next 1-2 months) there is a possibility to receive a response from EGLE in the fall. However EGLE also takes some time to review the amendment applications, so the 12-18 month timeframe is the best estimate.

No other comments.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deputy Secretary Lotta Jarnefelt

  
Jeffrey Sorensen, Chair

**Next scheduled SWMPC meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

***Room 207A, County Admin Bldg***

***Or alternatively, held electronically or via teleconference.***

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### **Section 3**

**Signed Minutes - Amendment #2**

**County Board of Commissioner approval**



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## MINUTES

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 1, 2021

#### **ITEM 1            CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Hall, at 7:00 pm virtually due to COVID, on June 1, 2021.

#### **ITEM 2            INVOCATION/REFLECTION**

Reverend Gardner gave the Invocation on behalf of Vice Chair Rey.

#### **ITEM 3            PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Rey led the Pledge.

#### **ITEM 4            ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Dale Shugars, Fran Bruder Melgar, Jeff Heppler, John Gisler, Mike Quinn, Jen Strebs, Roger Tuinier, Tami Rey, Tracy Hall, Veronica McKissack, Zac Bauer.

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Tracie Moored, County Administrator/Controller; Corporate Counsel; Amanda Morse, Deputy County Administrator; Meredith Place, Clerk; Dina Sutton, Executive Coordinator.

#### **ITEM 5            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Strebs moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Board meeting be approved as distributed.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT**

We will now be entering Public Comment. This session is intended for the Public only. Public comment is a time for Commissioners to hear from the public. During this time, anyone may address the Board on any topic. If you would like to address the Board, please add yourself to the queue by selecting the raise hand button or by dialing \*9 on your phone. Once selected, please unmute yourself by selecting the Mute Button or by dialing \*6 and state your name and tell us where you are from. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes. An audio timer will sound when your time is up. This is a time to provide input in a professional and respectful manner.

Steve Leuty, Grant Schertzing, and Dan Schaafsma stated they supported the Amendment #1 to the Solid Waste Plan.

Rick Omilian urged the Board to support the Gun Violence Proclamation.

**ITEM 7 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Hall asked for any additions/deletions/changes to the Agenda.

Commissioner Bauer asked to have Item 2021-2666 moved to Non-Consent.

**ITEM 8 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**ITEM 9 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

Several Commissioners had communications.

**ITEM 10 CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommendation for Approval of Transfers & Disbursements

**2021-2713 Request for Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Disbursements**

That the Board of Commissioners approve the disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, Board Agenda Request, noting payroll disbursements totaling \$2,191,838.98 are presented for the May 14th and May 28th payrolls and accounts payable disbursements in the amount of \$4,632,962.17 are presented to be approved; that the County Clerk be authorized to

certify to the County Treasurer that the Board has approved on this date the accounts payable disbursements in the list dated June 1, 2021.

#### Administration

2021-2714 Request for Approval of Acceptance of US Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and to Designate the County Administrator as the Authorized Representative for the Electronic Grant System

That the Board accept US Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and to Designate the County Administrator as the Authorized Representative for the Electronic Grant System.

#### Drain Commissioner

2021-2654 Request for Approval of Creation of .5 FTE Drain Maintenance Position

That the Board approve the creation of .5FTE Drain Maintenance position as outlined in the packet.

#### Equalization

2021-2659 Request for Approval of Resolution to Levy Operating Tax

That the Board approve of Resolution to Levy Operating Tax.

#### Planning

2021-2653 Request for Approval to Appoint County Grant Administrator for Remonumentation Program

That the Board approve the Appointment of Rachael Grover as the County Grant Administrator for the Remonumentation Program.

#### Board of Commissioners

2021-2670 Request for Review and Approval of the Young Professional 2021 Initiative (Michigan Works!)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Young Professional 2021 Initiative in the amount of \$150,000 for the period of March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022.

Vice Chair Rey moved and it was duly seconded that the Consent Agenda Items be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.



The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

## **ITEM 11            PROCLAMATIONS**

2021-2639 Request for Approval of Proclamation Declaring Friday June, the 4th, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the County of Kalamazoo

Vice Chair Rey moved and it was duly seconded to approve of Proclamation Declaring Friday, June 4th to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the County of Kalamazoo.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present, except

Nays: Commissioner Shugars, Tuinier

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

2021-2638 Request for Approval of a Proclamation Declaring June 2021 to be LGBT Pride Month in Kalamazoo County

Commissioner Strebs moved and it was duly seconded to approve of a Proclamation Declaring June 2021 to be LGBT Pride Month in Kalamazoo County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present, except

Nays: Commissioners Shugars, Tuinier

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Finance

2021-2666 Request for Approval of the Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) for space within the Administration Building.

Vice Chair Rey moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) for space within the Administration Building for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present, except

Nays: None

Abstains: Commissioner Bauer

Absent: None

The motion carried.

2021-2510 Request for Action regarding Amendment 1 to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan  
Commissioner Tuinier moved and it was duly seconded to approve Amendment 1 to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Tuinier felt comments made during public comment time answered all of his questions and would support this request.

Counsel Sarah Osburn indicated once the Board approved this Amendment it would be sent to the municipalities for approval and then to EGLE for approval.

Commissioner Heppler stated he hoped that Waste Not and the residents in the area can come up with a compromise and mitigate any issues before they arise.

Commissioner Bruder Melgar raised a lot of questions.

Ms. Moored indicated the questions being raised had been discussed by the Solid Waste Planning Commission and the Board was being tasked to vote on their recommendation as presented.

Counsel Matt Nordjford clarified the process.

Commissioner Bauer stated as a former member of the Solid Waste Planning Commission all of these questions were presented to the Commission and were answered.

Vice Chair Rey inquired if an environmental impact study had been done?

Counsel Nordjford indicated that an environmental impact study would be done once the Plan has been amended.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bruder Melgar moved and it was duly seconded to postpone this item until the next Board meeting.

Ms. Moored asked for clarification from the Board of their expectations for the next meeting.

Commissioner Bruder Melgar indicated she would like Dan Schaafsma and the EGLE Assessment available for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Rey suggested Ms. Moored work with Commissioner Bruder Melgar on getting her questions answered.

Commissioner Quinn stated he was concerned with the increased traffic this project would bring.

Counsel Nordjford stated a vote needed to occur on the postponement.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Bruder Melgar, Quinn

Nays: All Commissioners present, except

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion failed.

The roll call vote on the original motion was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present, except

Nays: Commissioners Bruder Melgar, Quinn

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

2021-2633 Request to Approve Amendment 2 to the Solid Waste Management Plan for next phase.

Vice Chair Rey moved and it was duly seconded to approve Amendment 2 to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

2020-1670 Request for Approval to move the Financial Administrator Position back to the Office of the Sheriff

Commissioner Bruder Melgar moved and it was duly seconded to approve the Financial Administrator Position move back to the Office of the Sheriff.

Ms. Moored stated Administration was ready to move this position back to the Sheriff's Office. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Commissioners present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

#### **ITEM 12 PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Jacob Pinney-Johnson stated today was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tulsa riot and June was also Juneteenth.

#### **ITEM 13 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Moored anticipated epidemic orders will be rescinded on July 1<sup>st</sup>, if that occurs the County buildings would be open.

#### **ITEM 14 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Hall thanked Administrator Moored for the summary of the consent agenda.

#### **ITEM 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Rey thanked Rick Omilian for his work on gun violence awareness in Kalamazoo County.

#### **ITEM 16 MEMBERS' TIME (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

Commissioner Bauer stated he was named as Executive Director for LISC. He announced he would resign his Commission position effective June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Bruder Melgar stated she was hopeful Mulder listened to the residents.



Commissioner Gisler stated he was sad to hear Commissioner Bauer was resigning. He stated he participated in the Vicksburg Village parade yesterday.

Commissioner McKissack congratulated all of the 2021 graduates.

Commissioner Quinn stated he participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Mendon.

Commissioner Shugars asked Administration for fact sheet/talking points on the Justice Facility. He stated the new facility was going to be safer and more efficient. He thanked those who served and continue to serve in the military.

Commissioner Strebs stated she was reflected on the meaning of Memorial Day. She stated she attended the ISAAC conference on race.

Commissioner Tuinier congratulated Commissioner Bauer on his new position.

**ITEM 17          ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.



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Tracy Hall, Chairperson

## **Section 4**

### **Notice of Public Hearing**

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County of Kalamazoo

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

Please be advised that at its meeting on December 16, 2020, the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SWMPC) voted to initiate a ninety-day review and comment period for the purpose of processing the following amendments to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan):

Amendment 1 – to allow the Waste Not C&D Recycling Center to be determined automatically consistent with the Plan and to be permitted as a transfer station and processing facility at the following location: 2206 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Amendment 2 – to allow the existing Miller Road Transfer Station to be determined automatically consistent with the Plan for an expansion as a transfer station and permitted as a new processing facility at the following location: 2606 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

You can view the amendment language online at the following: <https://www.kalcounty.com/directory/boards/board.php?board=39> or by appointment by contacting Lotta Jarnefelt, Kalamazoo County Planning & Development Department, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Please email [LMJARN@kalcounty.com](mailto:LMJARN@kalcounty.com) or call (269) 384-8112 to set up an appointment.

The 90-day public review and comment period will initiate on January 4, 2021 and is initiated pursuant to PA 451 of 1994, as amended, and will terminate on April 5, 2021. A public hearing on the proposed amendment will be conducted by the Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission (KMCPC) as the Designated Planning Agency pursuant to PA 451 of 1994, as amended, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (link will be in the meeting agenda at [www.kalcounty.com](http://www.kalcounty.com) about a week before meeting) or in Room 201 of the Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Avenue should in-person meetings be allowed at that time.

Written comments regarding these Amendments should be submitted/directed to the SWMPC in care of the Kalamazoo County Planning & Development Department at the above address and will be entered into the public record if received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021. Verbal comments should be made at the public hearing on March 17, 2021. Questions may be answered in the interim time period by contacting the Planning & Development Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

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## **Section 5**

### **Public Comments**

**Notes by Lotta Jarnefelt, DPA, from**

**Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission (KMCPC)  
Special Meeting of Wednesday, March 17, 2020 at 7 pm  
to hold Public Hearings of Amendment 1 & 2 to the  
Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan.  
Meeting held virtually by Zoom.**

**1. Public Hearing for Amendment 1 to Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan.**

- a) Open Public Hearing for Amendment 1: Waste Not Recycling LLC  
Chair Carahaly opened the Public Hearing for Amendment 1.

- b) Description of Amendment 1 by Staff

Staff gave a brief overview of Amendment 1. The applicant is Waste Not Recycling LLC proposing to construct a recycling center for construction waste at the southeast corner of Nichols Road and Ravine Road in Kalamazoo Township. They would also receive municipal household waste from smaller trucks and would sort and haul non-recyclable materials to a landfill. Investing 4 million dollars in the construction and create about 20 jobs. Divert materials from landfills and promote recycling.

Ms. Eickholt asked if the applicants had provided any information regarding potential odor and noise issues with the facility. Staff mentioned it had been discussed during other discussions of the project but could not provide details on how those issues would be addressed, stating that an answer might be expected during public comment.

- c) Public Comment (3 minutes each)

Public Comment #1 by Grant Schertzing, attorney with Miller & Johnson, representing Waste Not Recycling.

Gave a brief outline of the project. Mentioned that the closest building materials recycling facility is 100 miles away, not cost effective. The new facility would sort and sell reusable materials and take the remainder to landfills. Facility designed to minimize the adverse effects to the neighbors. Transfer and recycling activities will take place in an enclosed building to minimizing noise, odors, debris. Parking lot will be paved to minimize dust. Benefits: keeping re-usable materials closer to home, increase tax base, creating new jobs, providing investment, more support for LEED certification in Kalamazoo County, which encourages all types of reductions in energy use. Over 200 letters were received by Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission in support of the project. Developer is currently addressing the conditions that were put on the site plan approval by the Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission, including concerns about noise and odors mentioned earlier in the meeting. In order to receive an operating permit from EGLE, the site has to be in the County Solid Waste Management Plan, therefore the application for amendment

has been submitted to include it in the Plan. The amendment would be referencing siting procedure, transfer stations, processing procedure, solid waste collection providers, and drop off programs. If the amendment is approved, the developer can apply for construction permit and ultimately break ground on the project.

Public Comment #2 by Brian.

Lives in City of Kalamazoo and is known as the “trash pastor.” Picks up trash along the roads. The project struck a chord with him as an investment of a lot of money in recycling, and secondly an opportunity to create 20 jobs. He applauds the developer for doing this. He tries to advocate for people that are making the situation with trash better and help the environment for the next generations. As a citizen and community member he wants to express his support for the project.

Public Comment #3 by David Rachowicz, Director of Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center.

Has provided written comments to the SWMPC regarding the project. His concerns are not based on the merits of the project, which he supports, or the location of the project, but are focused on the potential impact on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (KRVT). The 2206 Nichols Rd property does not have road frontage on Ravine Road. The site plan shows the north line of the property as the south line of the former Michigan Central Railroad. The former railroad property is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The property was purchased with a Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for recreational use for State residents. Kalamazoo County leased the property to construct the KRVT in 2008. The planned driveway across the trail raises several concerns: trucks turning in and out of the site will pose a risk for trail users due to pure sightline visibility. No necessity for a drive on Ravine Road since there is already drive access from Nichols Road. Increasing safety for vehicle traffic by moving the drive to Ravine Road does it at the cost of the safety of the non-motorized and pedestrian trail users. The proposed site plan is inconsistent with the plan that was approved by the Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission approval: it does not show the setbacks from the northern property line to the trail, and the landscaping and other elements have been removed. Some safety concerns still remains. Location of the scale house and scale could create a backup that could block the trail. Ultimately the State has to grant an easement for this project to proceed with the new drive. That has not yet occurred. The County Board of Commissioners will also have to approve the plan amendment before it moves forward. It is up to the County Commissioners to decide if the Kalamazoo County Preservation and Natural Resource Protection Policy applies in this case. These comments have been provided in written form as well.

Public Comment #4 Harry Bennical, owner of 3315 Ravine Road, adjacent property to the proposed recycling plant.

Speaks in favor of the project. Has been in business for 15 years. Before Mr. Mulder purchased the property, it was an eyesore, filled with junk. Mr. Mulder cleaned it up and made it look nice. Recycling center is a benefit to the community. When Mr.

Bennical's business remodeled, there was much waste that was taken to landfill. If there was a recycling center it would benefit the community and avoid filling the landfills. His liquor store has traffic going across the trail, and they have not had any incidence with it. Did not think it would be a problem with the proposed facility.

- d) Close Public hearing for Amendment.

With no more public comments, Chair Carahaly closed the public hearing for Amendment 1.

## **2. Public Hearing for Amendment 2 Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan.**

- a) Open Public Hearing for Amendment 2: Best Way Disposal, Inc  
Chair Carahaly opened the Public Hearing for Amendment 2.

- b) Description of Amendment 2 by Staff.

Staff gave a brief overview of Amendment 2 requested by Best Way Disposal, Inc at their Miller Road facility. It is currently included in the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. Seek to enlarge the boundaries of the operation of the facility, currently activities are only allowed within the building footprint. They would like to increase the area allowed for their activities to cover all the property that they own at the site, which is 9.5 acres. The facility is listed as a solid waste collection service provider, it uses the Miller Rd transfer station and Orchard Hill landfill as a disposal facility, no changes expected there. Little or no adverse effects on the neighboring properties if allowed to expand as necessary benefit the community. By expanding the footprint they would be able to seamlessly incorporate processing and recycling at this facility as needed and remain at their site and not move away in order to expand.

- c) Public Comment (3 minutes each)

Public Comment # 1 Michael Balkema, representing Best Way Disposal.

Mentioned that staff already covered what is sought in the amendment: to expand the boundaries to include both parcels, as well as include sorting and processing into the plan. He is available to answer any questions.

- d) Close Public Hearing for Amendment 2

With no more public comments, Chair Carahaly closed the public hearing for Amendment 2.

## **3. KMCP Board member Comments**

Mr. Gisler asked if the two amendments are mutually exclusive. Staff responded that these are two independent amendments, both could be approved or denied, or one denied and the other approved. They happened to be submitted about the same time and the public review processes are running concurrently.

Mr. Cook mentioned that he hears Brian's concerns and also picks trash along roads when he can.

Ms. LaDuca please to have more recycling options.

Ms. Eickholt mentioned that both proposals would be good for the County. The only concerns is the location of the Waste Not Recycling project. It is located at the base of the hill and noise and odors tend to move upwards. Would the people living above the site potentially be bothered by noise or odors. Especially transferring waste from smaller trucks to larger trucks would be inherently noisy and messy processes that may be unpleasant to live by.

Mr. Janssen says more discussion may be needed but is looking forward to someone pioneering additional recycling options.



## Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan Amendment

### Site Location

Miller Road Transfer Station  
2606 Miller Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

### Site Specifics

Established: 1984  
Site Designation: Transfer Station  
Zoned: M2 Light Industrial  
Current total area permitted: +/- 1 acre

### Operated By

Best Way Disposal  
2314 Miller Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
(269)388-3300

### Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday	7am to 5pm
Saturday	8am to 12pm

### Current Operation

Open and Licensed transfer station located in Kalamazoo County (T2S R11 Section 25). The facility receives residential, commercial, industrial, construction/demolition, tree, yard waste and source separated recyclable material to be transferred off site in accordance with the current Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan and Part 115. We provide local residents and businesses a convenient, safe and affordable drop-off facility in which to manage materials.

### Amendment Request

Add the term “Processing” to the Miller Road Transfer Station designation to allow clean recyclable material to be separated from the waste stream. This would reduce the amount of materials such as metal, concrete, corrugated and wood from unnecessarily entering the landfill. In addition, we ask that the total area permitted be increased to include the entire 9.51 acres owned at that site. The additional acreage would allow for the incorporation of processing and recycling operations, as well as modernization of existing infrastructure as our operation grows to serve the community’s needs.

### Significance

In 2021, the legislature of the State of Michigan will be introducing bills to update Part 115. The move will focus on moving from “Waste Management” to a “Materials Management” directive and work to increase Michigan’s recycling rate. By allowing Best Way Disposal to process clean materials out of the waste stream at the Miller Road Transfer Station, you will be supporting the recycling goals.



# CALHOUN COUNTY

## Office of Community Development

Parks & Recreation – Planning – GIS – MSU Extension – Solid Waste  
315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan 49068 – 269/781-0784

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### MEMORANDUM

To: SWMPC, C/O Kalamazoo County Planning & Development Department  
From: Sarah Kelly, Calhoun County Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator  
Date: March 8, 2021  
Re: Notice of Proposed Amendments 1 and 2 to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan

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### Comments:

Amendment 1 – to allow the Waste Not C&D Recycling Center to be determined automatically consistent with the Plan and to be permitted as a transfer station and processing facility at the following location: 2206 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Upon review of the November 18, 2020 Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Committee minutes and June 4, 2020 Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission minutes, the Calhoun County Solid Waste Program and Community Development Department support Amendment 1 to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan. This amendment allows the addition of both a transfer station and processing plant to the Kalamazoo Solid Waste Plan. This facility would be privately operated and open to the public accepting construction and demolition waste along with trash, tree stumps, and limbs. Currently, our region lacks access to construction and demolition recycling opportunities. By allowing this processing plant to open and operate, it would increase the recycling rate in our region and reduce the amount of material that is currently landfilled. Calhoun County would benefit from the host fee revenue generated by the material Waste Not C&D Recycling Center landfills at the C&C Landfill located in Convis Township, Calhoun County. This amendment would also allow more convenient access to Calhoun County residents and businesses seeking to recycle their construction and demolition waste.

Amendment 2 – to allow the existing Miller Road Transfer Station to be determined automatically consistent with the Plan for an expansion as a transfer station and permitted as a new processing facility at the following location: 2606 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

Currently, the Miller Road Transfer Station is limited to using only +/-1 acre of their property based on the existing Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan, and they are restricted to only offering a drop-off recycling center at that location. This amendment allows the Miller Road Transfer Station to be determined automatically consistent with the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan and allows the business to use all their +/- 9.51 acres and expand their operations to include processing material. This amendment will reduce the landfilling of material that has value as a recyclable in our region. The Miller Road Transfer Station is operated by Best Way Disposal. Best Way Disposal is represented on the Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee and is a vendor of the Calhoun County Solid Waste Program. Upon review of the December 16, 2020 Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Committee minutes, the Calhoun County Solid Waste Program and Community Development Department support Amendment 2 to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Plan.

**Section 6**  
**Resolutions from**  
**Municipalities Amendment #2**



As of 8/03/2021

	<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Amendment 1 approved?</b>	<b>Amendment 2 approved?</b>
1	City of Galesburg		
2	City of Kalamazoo	8/2/2021	8/2/2021
3	City of Parchment	7/1/2021	6/23/2021
4	City of Portage	6/22/2021	6/22/2021
5	Village of Augusta	7/13/2021	7/13/2021
6	Village of Climax	7/19/2021	
7	Village of Richland	6/14/2021	6/14/2021
8	Village of Schoolcraft	6/28/2021	
9	Village of Vicksburg	6/28/2021	6/28/2021
10	Alamo Township	6/14/2021	6/15/2021
11	Brady Township	7/7/2021	7/12/2021
12	Charleston Township	6/29/2021	6/29/2021
13	Climax Township		7/13/2021
14	Comstock Township	6/22/2021	6/22/2021
15	Cooper Township	6/14/2021	6/14/2021
16	Kalamazoo Township	6/14/2021	6/14/2021
17	Oshtemo Township	6/22/2021	7/27/2021
18	Pavilion Township	6/14/2021	6/14/2021
19	Prairie Ronde Township	7/13/2021	7/13/2021
20	Richland Township	6/15/2021	6/15/2021
21	Ross Township		
22	Schoolcraft Township		
23	Texas Township	6/28/2021	6/28/2021
24	Wakeshma Township	8/2/2021	

**CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-43**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo held on August 2, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, by electronic means.

**PRESENT**, Commissioners: Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin,  
Mayor Anderson

**ABSENT**, Commissioners: None

**RESOLVED:** that the Kalamazoo City Commission approves Amendment 2 – Miller Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

The above resolution was offered by Commissioner Cunningham and supported by Commissioner Hess.

**AYES**, Commissioners: Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin, Mayor Anderson

**NAYS**, Commissioners: None

**ABSTAIN**, Commissioners: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATE**

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo at a regular meeting held on August 2, 2021. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) as amended by PA 254 of 2020. Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by the Act.


  
Scott A. Borling, City Clerk

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the City Commission of the City of Parchment

It is hereby resolved that we APPROVE Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and it's Administrative Rules.

  
Parchment City Clerk

  
Witnessed by

06-23-2021  
Dated

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of City of Portage  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Erica L. Eklov  
Appropriate Local Representative  
Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk

Venus M. Buller  
Witnessed by  
Venus Buller, Administrative Assistant

June 22, 2021

Dated

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR CITY OF PORTAGE  
BAUCKHAM, SPARKS, THALL,  
SEEBER, & KAUFMAN, PC  
By: CATHERINE P. KAUFMAN  
On: Catherine P. Kaufman 6/15/2021

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of The Village of Augusta  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Shirley Hood Clerk  
Appropriate Local Representative

Jeff Hopper  
Witnessed by


7-13-21  
Dated


RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Village of Richland  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Appropriate Local Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnessed by

6-14-2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

Resolution #021-06



RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Village of Vicksburg It is hereby resolved that we Approve via a 7-0 roll call vote on June 28, 2021 Amendment 2 – Miller Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Appropriate Local Representative

James P. Malley

Witnessed by

Michelle O. Morgan

June 29, 2021

Dated





RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Alamo Township  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve  
(Approve/Disapprove) Amendment 2 – Miller

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Gaerhinder Weele  
Appropriate Local Representative

Cindy Smyth  
Witnessed by

6/15/21  
Dated



RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Brady Township  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve  
(Approve/Disapprove) Amendment 2 – Miller

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Jay L. Loney  
Appropriate Local Representative

Malia Wilson  
Witnessed by

7/12/2021  
Dated

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/~~Commission~~/Council of Charleston Township  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Jerry Vander Roest

Linda Kramer  
Appropriate Local Representative

Brenda G. O'Chug  
Witnessed by

6/29/21  
Dated



# *Climax Township*

**RESOLUTION 2021-09**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

By action of the Board of **Climax Township**

It is hereby resolved that we \_\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment  
2 – Miller

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan,  
prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994  
PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its

Administrative Rules.

*Marcia Lewis*  
Appropriate Local Representative

*William McLeis*  
Witnessed by

7-13-2021  
Dated

This resolution offered by: Treasurer Steven Walman, Supported by: Trustee Cheryl Bates

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Treasurer Steven Walman, Clerk Marcia Lewis,  
Supervisor Trent Piper, Trustee Cheryl Bates, and Trustee Richard Thierjung.

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Marcia Lewis, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a  
Resolution adopted by the Climax Township Board at a regular session held on July 13, 2021

*Marcia Lewis*  
Marcia Lewis  
Township Clerk

## **Resolution 2021-09**

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Resolution is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township board of the Township of Climax, at a regular meeting of said Board held on July 13, 2021: that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act of Michigan; that a quorum of the Township Board members was present; and that the foregoing Resolution is a part of the official minutes held on said date.

**CLIMAX TOWNSHIP**

  
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Marcia Lewis, Clerk

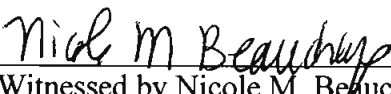
RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Charter Township of Comstock  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

  
Randy L. Thompson  
Township Supervisor

  
Witnessed by Nicole M. Beauchamp  
Township Clerk

6/22/21  
Dated

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Cooper Charter Township  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

DiAnna Janssen  
Appropriate Local Representative

Steve Adams  
Witnessed by

June 16, 2021  
Dated

## CLERKS CERTIFICATE

I, DeAnna Janssen, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Dated: June 16, 2021

DeAnna Janssen

DeAnna Janssen, Cooper Township Clerk

**KALAMAZOO CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2, MILLER ROAD TRANSFER STATION, TO THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

It is hereby resolved to approve Amendment 2, Miller Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

Motion was made by Clerk Miller and supported by Trustee Leuty to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Supervisor Donald D. Martin, Clerk Mark E. Miller, Treasurer Sherine M. Miller, Trustee Ashley Glass, Trustee Steven C. Leuty, Trustee Lisa Moiaery, and Trustee Clara D. Robinson.

The following voted "nay": None

The following was absent: None

The Supervisor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, Mark E. Miller, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Kalamazoo hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Kalamazoo Township on June 14, 2021, the original of which resolution is on file in my office, at which meeting a quorum was present, that said meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan and that the members of said Board voted upon said Resolution as hereinbefore set forth and that the minutes of the meeting will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.



Mark E. Miller, Clerk

1720 Riverview Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49004

269-381-8080



**OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2  
TO THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Adopted: July 27, 2021

Effective: July 27, 2021

By action of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Oshtemo, it is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules, as attached hereto.

A motion was made by **Zak Ford**, seconded by **Clare Buszka** to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye":

Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Dusty Farmer, Clare Buszka, Zak Ford, Cheri Bell,  
Kizzy Bradford, Kristin Cole

The following voted "Nay":

None


The following "Abstained":

None

The following member(s) were absent:

None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried, and the resolution duly adopted.

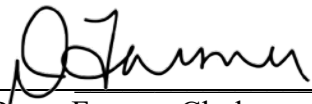
  
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Dusty Farmer, Clerk  
Oshtemo Charter Township

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**CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO            )

I Dusty Farmer, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the Township of Oshtemo, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Board held, via permitted ZOOM video conference during COVID-19 public health crises as authorized by PA 254 of 2020, on July 27, 2021, which meeting was preceded by required notices under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being 1976 PA 267; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of said Resolution; and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Open Meetings Act.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dusty Farmer, Clerk  
Oshtemo Charter Township


RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of PAVILION TOWNSHIP  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we APPROVED Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

  
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Appropriate Local Representative  
John Speeter, Supervisor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnessed by Karen Siegwart, Clerk

June 14, 2021

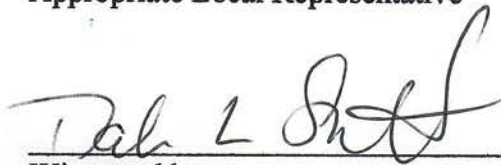
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Dated

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board of Prairie Ronde Township

It is hereby resolved that we Approved Amendment 2 – Miller Road Transfer Station,  
to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the  
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA)  
Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Appropriate Local Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnessed by

July 13, 2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated





7401 North 32nd Street • Richland, Michigan 49083-9701  
(269) 629-4921 • FAX (269) 629-5993

Resolution 21-06-21

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD  
TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of Richland Township  
(City/Township/Village)

It is hereby resolved that we Approve Amendment 2 – Miller  
(Approve/Disapprove)

Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared  
pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended  
(NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

**Clerk Priest resolved to adopt the foregoing resolution, supported by Trustee Foust.**


Ayes:

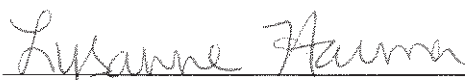
Drouin, Eldridge, Peter, Foust, Priest, Harma, Wendzel

Nyes:

None

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.

  
BEAR PRIEST - CLERK  
Appropriate Local Representative

  
Witnessed by

6-15-2021  
Dated



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-23**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 –  
MILLER ROAD TRANSFER STATION - TO THE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

At a meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Texas, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, held by electronic means on June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Beutel, Boven, Hammon, Loeks, Mazer and Roberts

ABSENT: Kerr

the following resolution was offered by Boven and supported by Beutel.

By action of the Board/Commission/Council of the Charter Township of Texas,  
It is hereby resolved that we approve Amendment 2 – Miller Road Transfer Station, to the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA451, as amended (NREPA) Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules.

YEAS: Beutel, Boven, Hammon, Loeks, Mazer and Roberts

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
  )  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO            )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Texas, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Beutel", written over a horizontal line.

Emily Beutel, Texas Township Clerk

## **Section 7**

### **Solid Waste Management Planning Committee**

#### **List of members and areas of expertise**



<b>Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>Area of Representation</b>
Lee Adams	Regional Solid WastePlanning Agency
Emily Bridson	Solid Waste Management
Rebekah Kik	City Government
Chandler Lyons	General Public
Roxanne Myles	General Public
Chris Phillips	Solid Waste Management
Eric Shafer	Solid Waste Management
Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson	Township Government
Steve Taplin	Solid Waste Management
Roger Tuinier	County Government
Chad Visser	General Public
Andy Wichman	Industrial Waste Generator
Vacancy	Environmental Interest Group
Vacancy	Environmental Interest Group
Rachael Grover, Director Kalamazoo County Planning & Development	Designated Planning Agency Contact