



Recycling Committee

February 26, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.
225 W. Main Street, Room 100
Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beachnau called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Paul Beachnau, Richard Sumerix, John Burt, Judge Pat Morse, Joe Wambold, Janice Lampert

Others Present: Jessica Kane, Patricia Osburn, Julie Marlette, Amy Mertz, Judy Wagley, Erica Wescoat-Large, Stacey Shafto, Linda Reinhardt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Janice Lampert, seconded by Pat Morse, to “approve the minutes of November 13, 2012.” Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling Processing/Hauling Bid Award

Burt updated the Committee on the bids for recycling processing/hauling. Two bids were received. American waste bid an average of \$230,000 per year for single-stream recycling, while Emmet County bid an average of \$123,667 per year for dual-stream recycling. The Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to Emmet County pending successful negotiation of a contract. Burt will be meeting with Emmet County representatives on Friday to discuss the contract.

Burt discussed Emmet County’s dual-stream system. One bin would be for mixed containers including plastic bottles, jugs and jars; plastic tubs, trays and cups; metal cans, foil and trays; glass bottles and jars. The other bin would be for Paper; boxes including cardboard, frozen and refrigerated food, and boxboard; paper bags; newspapers; office paper; plastic bags.

The County will contract with the Conservation District to do recycling education, patrol/monitor the recycling sites, and organize volunteers.

B. Recycling Next Steps

The Committee discussed different ideas for the recycling program. Some of the ideas included:

- A free household hazardous waste drop-off day.
- Having vests or t-shirts to better identify the volunteer educators at the recycling sites.
- Signage at each recycling site.
- Have a soft opening and then a Grand Opening on Earth Day, if everything is ready by then.
- Have recycling bins downtown, and in county buildings.
- Look at separate bins to recycle other items that Emmet County takes.

The Committee will plan on meeting in approximately four weeks to discuss the Grand Opening of the recycling drop-off program.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Beachnau at 6:10 PM. Next meeting will be in late March.