



## Recycling Committee

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.  
225 W. Main Street, Room 100  
Gaylord, MI 49735

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beachnau called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Members Present: Paul Beachnau, John Burt, Beth Dipzinski, Jack Thompson, Janice Lampert, Dave Smethurst, John Tithof, Judge Patricia Morse

Others Present: Jessica Kane, Patricia Osburn

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dipzinski, to “accept the Recycling Committee minutes of March 31, 2010 as presented”. Motion carried unanimously.

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

None

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Evaluation of Recycling Program

Ms. Kane updated the Committee on the Conservation District’s Recycling efforts, which included the following:

- Updated recycling brochure, which was also posted on County website
- Recently did two new radio advertisements in replacement of earlier ones
- Live interview each week on the radio
- Guest column in the newspaper in June
- Insert in paper in mid May
- Free ½ page ad in phone guide
- Several presentations
- Flyer to graduating seniors to recycle materials from graduation parties
- Conservation District Day Camp
- Signs for Arrow Sanitation on how to recycle
- Booth at County Fair

The Committee expressed their appreciation for all of Ms. Kane’s efforts. A survey is also being considered. The Committee will discuss the survey at a later meeting.

The Committee members discussed the lack of expansion or clear direction with the recycling efforts at Arrow Sanitation. Commissioner Beachnau stated that he would like to see the idea of a Countywide program pursued again.

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Burt will contact Elisa Seltzer at Emmet County to find out how much plastic material is being recycled by Arrow Sanitation. Burt, Beachnau, and Thompson will then meet with Dave Matleski to discuss determine the goals of his program and the possibility of the County implementing a program. The Committee will then meet to determine the direction to take in terms of a countywide recycling program.

Patricia Osburn reported that Jessica Kane will be done as an AmeriCorps Volunteer by the end of September. She is trying to arrange another person starting in January. She must raise \$5,000 to hire the person. She asked whether the Committee would be interested in continuing recycling education efforts. The Committee replied that they were interested in pursuing the continuation of education by the District.

### **III. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Beachnau at 3:10 PM.