



Recycling Committee

Monday, March 31, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
225 W. Main Street, Room 100
Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Ken Glasser, John Burt, Jack Thompson, Diann Franckowiak, Mike McCarthy,

Others Present: Jessica Kane, Patricia Osburn, Dave Matelski, Kam Ensing

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Thompson, seconded by McCarthy, to “accept the Recycling Committee minutes of March 22, 2010 as presented”. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arrow Sanitation Recycling Program

The Committee discussed Arrow Sanitation’s decision to expand their recycling program. Dave Matelski informed the Committee that changes with the Emmet County Recycling program has enabled him to pursue the expansion of Arrow’s recycling program. Beginning in May, Emmet will accept all type of plastics, and will allow glass and plastic containers to be mixed, which greatly reduced the labor required at Arrow Sanitation. He informed the group that he had been unable to update the Committee on his plans since he has been out of town much of the last several weeks. Matelski stated that he is willing to advertise Arrow’s program, and would like to grow it.

Arrow Sanitation will take the following recyclables: plastic containers (all types); glass containers (all colors); film plastics (shopping bags, bread bags, etc.); cardboard, boxboard; newspaper print; metal cans and wrap. There will be a \$3.50 charge per 33 gallon bag for the plastic and glass. The rest of the program is free.

Glasser stated that he didn’t feel government should be competing with private industry. He would like to see a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to withdraw the County’s recycling plan.

The Committee discussed the affects of having two programs running. The feeling was that the County would lose money on their program with competition from Arrow, and that may hurt recycling efforts in the County. There was concern over what would happen to the Conservation District’s recycling efforts and whether they could continue to be used to educate people and to promote and advertise recycling as allowed in their current agreement with the County. Thompson felt that the OWLS donation of \$2,000 could go towards these efforts.

Motion by Franckowiak, seconded by Glasser, to “recommend to the Board of Commissioners to discontinue the County’s Recycling Program, and to continue using the Conservation District to educate the public on recycling and to advertise recycling opportunities”. Motion carried unanimously.

III. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Glasser at 6:05 PM.