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LIVINGSTON COUNTY MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Held at:

304 E. Grand River in Howell MI 48843

Conference Room 1 (Administration Building Downstairs)

December 16, 2025, 10:00 AM

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE			
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Julie Cribley Jacob Schlittler Sara Thomas Richard Burns	James Richey Tim Krause Brian Jonckheere Eric Kohart	Lindsay Kerkez - SEMCOG Paul Sgriccia Kathleen Horning
MEMBERS ABSENT:	James Tuthill		
STAFF PRESENT:	Robert Spaulding Martha Haglund Scott Barb Robert Stanford		
OTHERS PRESENT:	Danielle Todd, Ex Dir of (MAKE FOOD NOT WASTE) Nikki Hartley – SEMCOG (pending committee member) Aubree Carlisle – EGLE Food Waste Madi Opp - EGLE grant manager (via Zoom)		

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Julie Cribley, at 10:03 am.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Committee Chair Cribley performed a Roll Call of members present.

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Committee Chair Cribley determined that a quorum was present.

4. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Member Action: IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER ERIC KOHART TO APPROVE THE AGENDA DATED DECEMBER 16, 2025, SECONDED BY MEMBER JACOB SCHLITTLER.

All in favor, motion passed 11-0

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6. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Member Action: IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER BRIAN JONCKHEERE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, DATED OCTOBER 28, 2025, SECONDED BY MEMBER JACOB SCHLITTLER.

All in favor, motion passed 11-0

7. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

8. **AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

   a. **Special Guest Presentation – "Make Food Not Waste" – Danielle Todd, Executive Director of "Make Food Not Waste" & Aubree Carlisle, Food Waste Specialist at MI EGLE.** See complete presentation at the following link: https://milivcounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/12_2025-Food-Waste-MMPC-Presentation-Livingston-Copy.pdf. A few important notes: The joint goal between the states, federal government, and the United Nations is to try to cut food waste 50% by 2030 since 21% of the waste in our landfills is food waste. Bulk of it is at the residential level. For Livingston County: 73,000,000 lbs of food waste annually which translates into $120 million dollars wasted. In terms of the landfill byproduct methane, 61% is not captured. It is vital to divert food waste to promote a functional circular economy. General steps to take: #1 - Prevention first – public education with helpful resources on making the best use of food purchased for the home. #2 -Donate or upcycle food that still has use since there is a10 % food insecurity rate. Useful apps: Flashfood (helps consumer find discounted grocery items at their local store); and Too Good to Go; Natural Choice Foods – west MI (overstock and repack facility); C'Mon Betty – Ann Arbor (uses local foods from growers that might be "ugly" to make condiments for resale). # 3 – Use food waste to feed animals or leave it unharvested. #4 - Composting & anerobic digestion.

      Make Food Not Waste – Southfield Plan – pilot project to get to zero food waste – 75,000 people affected. https://makefoodnotwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-08-Blueprint.pdf

      Goal setting overview for MMP. Food waste management Is highlighted in Livingston County's new Agricultural Plan and should be emphasized. Need to develop some food waste goal areas to work towards.

      Committee Discussion: Tim – need for education & food scrap collection; Rich – consultant will consider food waste in the MMP; Paul – should review references from other counties doing this; Brian – tap in to auditing companies to provide recommendations (ReTap program through EGLE); Lindsay – school programs should be looked at. Per Aubree – EGLE has education team and Green Schools program. Share tables at schools (students leave unopened food to share with others) per Danielle on EGLE food recovery website and MI Dept of Ed.

   b. **EGLE Grant Application/Agreement Update –** Rob Spaulding – EGLE wants some budget changes. Handout shared with committee. Liv County Treasurer will work with EGLE for money distribution. Madi – draft agreement is up at the EGLE admin. level. Could get back in next couple of weeks.

      Committee Discussion:

   c. **County Materials Management Plan (MMP) Consultant Update –** Julie Cribley & Rob Stanford. Contract is with EGLE regarding the proposed consultant. County could take from 3 to 5 weeks for legal review.

      Committee Discussion:

   d. **SEMCOG Material Management Plan Support Work Update:** Nikki Hartley (SEMCOG) – finished video and will be distributed to us soon. MMPC workshop is being planned for local

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officials for early 2026. Taking suggestions for topics.

Committee Discussion: How best to get it to local officials – visit planning commission and board meetings; social media.

e. **Approval of 2026 MMPC Meeting Calendar**

Committee Discussion:

Member action: IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER PAUL SGRICCIA TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES FOR 2026: JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 24, APRIL 28, MAY 26, JUNE 23, JULY 28, AUGUST 25, SEPTEMBER 22, OCTOBER 27, NOVEMBER 24, AND DECEMBER 22; SECONDED BY MEMBER JIM RICHEY.

All in favor, motion passed 11 - 0

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
   a. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 am – major order of business: Annual Election of Officers
   b. **Paul –** I am happy to reach out to Damon Carson, Repurposed Materials President, who might be available to speak to the committee about his company. Industrial materials that are salvaged, used, or surplus can be repurposed for use by other companies. Damon is based in Colorado and, if available, would speak to the group remotely. Damon's company information can be viewed at his website: www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com
   c. **Tim –** Confirmed Granger Waste Services views the methane generated by the decomposition of organic waste as a resource and sees its management as their environmental responsibility. As such, gas collection is incorporated into their overall operation with continuous, on-going installation. This allows gas to be collected within 6-9 months of placement, or as soon as the material becomes a viable gas source, which is different than EPAs assumption that methane is not collected until 3-5 years after placement.

Member action: IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER KATHLEEN HORNING TO APPOINT NIKKI HARTLEY AS THE SEMCOG REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MMPC; SECONDED BY MEMBER PAUL SCRICCIA.

All in favor, motion passed 11 - 0

10. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Member action: IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER BRIAN JONCKHEERE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:44 PM; SECONDED BY MEMBER NIKKI HARTLEY.

All in favor, motion passed 11-0