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**GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Thursday, August 27, 2020  
8:30 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Gene Lagerquist, Mark Bergstrom (remotely) and Margaret Batzer (remotely), Chairperson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists; Bruce Schimke, Maintenance Supervisor; Lisa Sagala, Interim County Administrator/Controller; Julie Schmeling, Administrative Secretary; Renee Mallison, Conservation District; Rosemary Smith; Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

**NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD**

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under Executive Order #2020-154 issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**P.A. 69 RECYCLING UPDATE**

Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, presented the Manistee County Green Team Recycling Program Report of August 27, 2020. (Appendix A) This report encompasses activity from June 23, 2020 until present. Ms. Archer has been working on the Recycling Audit taking place at the Onekama Recycling site.

The EGLE 2020 Scrap Tire Collection Grant will be held on September 26, 2020 in partnership with the Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) in Kaleva. Ms. Archer is requesting permission to extend the current grant into 2021. EGLE is allowing for extensions due to the

impacts of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of grant funding for 2021. The extension will also allow for use of funding planned for the cancelled June 2020 event.

**Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Lagerquist to recommend the Recycling Coordinator permission to extend the current grant into 2021. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.**

Ms. Archer met with the Fairgrounds Board to discuss the relocation of the Recycling bins currently located at the Onekama Township Hall, being moved to the County Fairgrounds. The Fair Board was supportive of the idea. Some improvement such as a concrete pad for the bins and fencing would be needed. These ideas and prices are being researched. Renee Mallison, Conservation District was present at the meeting to offer support and possible financial help through the District. Ms. Archer is also looking for a grant opportunity for the new site possibly through the Community Foundation.

Discussion regarding the relocation the Kaleva recycling site is being looked into. Discussions with BARC are ongoing.

#### **AREA 31 SERVICE AGREEMENT/ADDENDUM FOR EXTRA PICKUP SERVICES**

Ms. Archer discussed the new Service Agreement/Addendum for Extra Pickup Service (Appendix B). Ms. Archer eliminated items d and e from the previous draft. The cost in the contract was \$350 for an additional pickup. The additional scheduled pickups occur from June through Labor Day, during Township events or Holidays. Item a can be covered in the budget and item b added \$500 per unscheduled pick up. Discussion continued that item b has occurred in the past on very rare occasions and that there are limited options for these types of services. It was suggested to for the next contract that the service fees be included to lock in a price. Ms. Mallison suggested looking into the MI Deal which is a State of Michigan contract with set fees for services. Ms. Mallison will send Ms. Archer the contract.

**Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Lagerquist to recommend approval of the Service Agreement/Addendum for Extra Pickup Service. Ayes: Bergstrom, Lagerquist, Nays: Batzer. Motion Carried.**

#### **OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Archer discussed the Manistee News Advocate article regarding recycling and the partnership with the Child Advocacy Center. (Appendix C)

Renee Mallison reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Event (HHW) took place recently. (Appendix C) There were no problems and the event was the best to date. Statistics from vendors will be forthcoming. Discussion concerning the collection of oil and gas took place. It is very expensive to collect (one gallon of oil costs \$9 to take in). There is a farmer and/or private company that takes it. Commissioner Batzer suggested to eliminate oil from the HHW event in order to best use available funds and inform the public where to take it to recycle.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 9:31 a.m.

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Gene Lagerquist

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Mark Bergstrom

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Margaret Batzer, Chairperson