



## KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

August 2, 2018

8:30 AM

**Earl G. Woodworth Building  
Meeting Room Chambers  
1500 Scribner Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Vonk, Brieve, Yonker, Janes, Koorndyk, Skaggs, Bulkowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Kristen Weiland, Communications & Marketing Manager; Becky Dyer, Financial Supervisor; Craig Paull, Assistant Corporate Counsel; Ron Mills, Civil Engineer I; Constance Westgate, Engineering Technician; Kim Alexander, Account Clerk II; Megan Kretz, Resource Recovery Specialist; Adam Canute, Landfill Remediation Technician; Pat Greve, Arrowaste Inc.; John Van Tholen, Granger; Tom Mahoney, Republic Services; Katie Venechuk, Michigan DEQ; Bill Wood, WMEAC; Richard VanderMolen, Kent County Stakeholder Review Committee; Tim Mroz, The Right Place; Rick Chapla, The Right Place; Rosemary Graham, Allegan County, Kari Bliss, Padnos & Kent County Stakeholder Review Committee; Ryan Musch, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber; Steve Faber, Byrum & Fisk; Harvey Gershman, Gershman, Brickner & Bratton; Jennifer Porter, Gershman, Brickner & Bratton; Steve Simmons, Gershman, Brickner & Bratton

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Vonk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Review and Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Monetary Outlays

### **Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **III. Public Comment**

None.

## **IV. Administration**

### **A. Resource Park Masterplan Presentation**

Director Baas presented on the Resource Park Masterplan Presentation with Richard VanderMolen, Jennifer Porter and Steve Faber. Here are some highlights:

- Seventy-five percent of trash currently entering the landfill could be repurposed or reused.
- The material discarded in Michigan landfills and incinerators each year is an estimated value of \$386 million.
- DPW received 23 formal Request for Information (RFI) from all over the world for the Sustainable Business Park Master Plan (SBP).
- Eighty-Six million people were reached through media stories covering the SBP planning process in the past 10 months.
- A total of 250 acres was set aside for the SBP.
- If a processing and waste sorting component is implemented, there is an estimated annual local economic impact of \$130 million. This would create 150 jobs by processing and waste sorting alone.

## **V. Director's Report**

### **A. 2017 Annual Surcharge Report**

Director Baas discussed the 2017 Annual Surcharge Report. This is the second annual report provided from this program.

### **B. SafeHomes – Redistribution**

Director Baas discussed the SafeHomes through our SafeChem Program. We developed a Reuse Waiver Form to give us the opportunity to redistribute materials that are accepted through our SafeChem Program.

### **C. Propane Cylinder/Ammunition Disposal**

Director Baas discussed the incident on Thursday, July 12, 2018. Ammunition discharged at various locations on the processing line at the Recycling and Education Center. DPW is working with the Sheriff Department's PIO to develop a program and messaging for proper drop-off and disposal of ammunition that will launch with media outreach. Also, we've been proactive with the GR Fire Department and developed partnerships with several retailers who take propane cylinders back on our behalf at no charge. We still struggle with receiving partially full propane cylinders.

**VI. Miscellaneous**

None.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.