

**Isabella County  
Material Recovery Facility (MRF)  
Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

Isabella County Commission on Aging  
2200 S Lincoln Rd. Room A  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
Additionally, Available by Zoom  
Meeting ID: 757 109 2085

**Friday, March 8, 2024**  
10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order, Chairman Frank Engler
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Introductions  
Representatives from surrounding Counties – present & through Zoom
5. Consider approving the February 9, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
6. Funding Opportunities:
7. Other Business:
  - A. Update on site plan – Jake Borton and Tim Nieporte
  - B. Material Management Plan work group
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

**Next Meeting April 12, 2024**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month)

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**Friday FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

Zoom Meeting  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** County At-Large George Green, Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Director Jake Borton, Chairman Commissioner Frank Engler, Isabella County Commissioner James Moreno, City Mt. Pleasant Representative Jason Moore, EGLE Recycling Specialist Tracy Purrenhage (Zoom), Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez (Zoom), Charter Township of Union Manager Mark Stuhldreher, ICMRF Operations Supervisor Charity Sweet, and Central Michigan University Facilities Manager Jonathon Webb.

**Members Absent:** Isabella Conservation District Representative Crystal Beutler, Bandit Industries Maintenance Supervisor Derrick McCall, Kings Disposal Michael King, and Village of Lake Isabella Representative Tim Wolff.

**Others Present:** Isabella County MRF Administrative Assistant Edde Clark, Isabella County Administrator/Controller Nicole Frost, Isabella County Commissioner Chris Embry, Gratiot County Deputy Administrator Sheila Barnaby, Mecosta Building & Zoning Administrator Annette Coles, Mecosta County Commissioner Linda Howard, Mecosta County Recycling Board Representative Paul Griffin, Osceola County Commissioner Scott Stieg, and Osceola County Controller/Administrator Tim Ladd. Gladwin County Commissioner Tami O'Donnell (Zoom), and Midland County James Henry (Zoom).

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frank Engler at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Isabella County Representative George Green and seconded by Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Director Jake Borton to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Introductions:** Commissioner Frank Engler took a few minutes for everyone to introduce themselves.

**January 12, 2024 Meeting minutes:** It was moved by Mecosta County Representative Linda Howard and seconded by Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Director Jake Borton to approved the January 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Funding Opportunities:** Jake Borton and Charity Sweet are in the process of applying for grants through Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Consumers Energy. The MEDC has a 2.5 million Grant available to cover infrastructure, job opportunities and additional categories.

Mecosta County representatives, Annette Coles, Linda Howard and Paul Griffith provided suggestions of Grant opportunities from the following business they are aware of: General Mills – Yoplait division, Ice Mountain – they have environment-oriented Grants and Trans Canada Energy out of Mecosta.

It was also suggested during this meeting to look at DTE and Great Lakes Energy for grant opportunities.

**Update on Site Plan:** Jake has a scheduled meeting with Pete Lorenz the County's Survey & Engineering Consultant. Jake also suggested looking into CMU Civil Engineering to see if a student would have an interest in helping on the Site Plan.

**Material Management Plan Work Group (MMPWG):** Progress is being made on outlying counties partnering with Isabella County. Letters of Intent for materials management continue to be sent to surrounding Counties to partner with Isabella County. A question was brought up as to how many partners would be ideal for the MMP Work Group. Jake mentioned approximately would like to see about 8 counties be involved.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:18 a.m. by Frank Engler