

**Summary Minutes as Approved on 4/21/2021  
Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)  
February 17, 2021  
Microsoft Teams**

**The following members were present:**

Michael Dinneen, Private Sector  
Steve Sargent, Private Sector  
Kimberly McConville, Private Sector  
Jennifer Fenderbosch, Municipalities  
Chuck DeJonckheere, Health Departments  
Paul Wise, Townships  
Kelly Bensman, General Public  
Alex Boehnke, Private Sector  
John Daly, Private Sector  
Marcie Kress, Environmental Advocacy Organizations  
Brian Winter, Private Sector

Absent: none

Also in attendance were Vlad Cica (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Chet Chaney (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Jeff Montavon (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Matthew Hittle (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Kevin Zacharyasz (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Ernie Stall (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Marie Barnett (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Dave Foulkes (Ohio EPA-DEFA), April Stevens (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Evelyn Kennedy (Byers, Minton and Associates), Leanne Greenlee (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Kelsey Heyob (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Julie Riley (Lucas County SWMD), Steve Lange (Lucas County Engineers Office), Nate Inkrott (Lucas County Engineers Office), Michelle Balz (Hamilton County SWMD), Steve Tharp (Stark Tuscarawas Wayne joint SWMD), Jamie Zawila (RRS), Michael Greenberg (GT Environmental), and Elissa Yoder (Ohio Sierra Club)

**New Members**

Marcie Kress (Environmental Advocacy Organizations) and Steve Sargent (Private Sector) were introduced to the group. Marcie is with the Organics Recycling Organization of Ohio and works at the Summit/Akron Solis Waste Management Authority (aka ReWorks). Steve Sargent is the Director of Recycling at Rumpke Waste and Recycling.

There are still two vacancies for the board. They are the positions representing counties and solid waste management districts.

**Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes**

A correction was identified for the minutes: the MMAC Chair should be removed from the list for the officer elections. Alex Boehnke moved to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2020 meeting with the correction. Jennifer Fenderbosch seconded the motion. Motion was passed on voice vote.

### **Election of Officers**

Marcie Kress moved to appoint the following slate of officers for 2021 (Steve Sargent – Vice Chair, Jennifer Fenderbosch - Secretary). Alex Boehnke seconded the motion. Officers were unanimously elected for a one-year term.

### **Ohio EPA Updates**

Ernie Stall provided a few updates for Ohio EPA. The rule incorporating the goals of the 2020 State Solid Waste Management Plan has been finalized since MMAC last met. He also referenced educational efforts that have been started through the Recycle Right campaign. Lastly, he indicated that the Agency will be holding a Disaster Debris Training in March.

### **2020 Annual Report**

There were no comments on the 2020 Annual Report that was distributed to the MMAC members. John Daly moved to accept the report for submittal to the legislature. Steve Sargent second the motion. The 2020 Annual Report was accepted via voice vote.

### **2021 R&LP Grant Update**

April Stevens, Supervisor for the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant program, provided an overview of the grant program and the applications received for 2021. A total of 117 applications were received, totaling over \$7 million in total requests. The funding criteria that are used was also reviewed and the review timeline was provided, with a goal of announcing the grant awards in May.

### **Division of Materials and Waste Management Update**

Vlad Cica (Ohio EPA–DMWM) provided an update for DMWM, including an overview of the divisions' accomplishments in 2020 and priorities in 2021. A return to office is planned for DMWM employees starting at the end of May and a return to in-person inspections/field work is in the works. The division has seen an ability to do increased outreach activities in the virtual environment, including to solid waste management districts. Rule updates and health department annual surveys are on track and tire cleanups have continued. He also highlighted the efforts done with The Recycling Partnership to tackle contamination in curbside recycling programs.

### **Planning for Future Meetings**

The group had general discussion about the focus for MMAC and topics for future meetings. The primary purpose of the council is to provide advice and guidance to the director of Ohio EPA on solid waste issues, including updates to the state solid waste management plan and Ohio EPA's recycling and litter prevention grant programs. The council is also tasked with facilitating partnerships that expand markets for recycled commodities.

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Many potential topics were mentioned for discussion at future meetings. These include:

- Contamination in the recycling stream and the long-term impact that it could have on the industry.
- The impact of China's recent policies.
- Alternative technologies, such as pyrolysis.
- How to measure success, including reuse and waste minimization.
- How to gather industrial recycling data while being able to keep it proprietary.
- Beneficial uses of materials, including examples of pilot studies, testing, and determining the amounts reported to Ohio EPA.
- Sorting practices, including the benefits of dual stream collection and positive versus negative sorts.
- Replicating the efforts done for the curbside tagging program for recycling drop-offs.
- Mixed use/multi-family recycling.
- Supporting diversion efforts, including small scale composting operations.
- Looking at how recycling and litter prevention grants could better align with systematic needs.
- Wood waste going to the landfill.
- Burden of increased cardboard at drop-off recycling locations.
- Certifying products as recyclable (The Recycling Partnership's Circularity Council).
- Food and other organic waste.
- Support of remanufacturing.

It was mentioned that MMAC will discuss the recycling and litter prevention grant program with potential changes identified by the summer. A focus group could be convened. CCAO's legislative priorities for 2021 were brought up as well, which include looking the solid waste laws.

### **Next Steps and Wrap-up**

The group discussed the frequency of meetings. It was agreed to meet bimonthly through June for now. It was also related that group still wants to do a strategic planning in the future.

John Daly moved to adjourn the meeting. Alex Boehnke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Digitally signed by Michael Dinneen  
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Chair

Minutes approved on: April 21, 2021

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jennifer G. Fenderbosch*  
Secretary