

**Emmet County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)
Meeting Minutes**

3/10/2026, 10:00AM

EMS Eppler Station, 1201 Eppler Road, Petoskey, MI 49770

Emmet County Staff Present: Ashley McMurry, Lindsey Walker, Jayna Steffel, Noelle Behling, Natalie Gibbons, MacKenzie Kilmer (virtual)

Guests: Lisa Morris, Tammy Doernenburg, Tracy Tomaszewski (virtual)

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Elisa Seltzer, Stephanie Robinson (virtual)

Call to order: D. Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Roll Call

- a. Lindsey Walker – Absent
- b. Kevin Donner – Present
- c. Denny Keiser, Chair – Absent
- d. Doug Fuller, Vice Chair – Present
- e. Allen Elya III – Present
- f. Jayna Steffel – Present
- g. Caroline Moellering – Absent
- h. Stephanie Marchbanks – Virtual
- i. Chris Gee – Absent
- j. Don Mapes – Present
- k. Darcy Wright – Present

February Meeting Minutes Approval

D. Fuller motioned to approve February 2026 MMPC Meeting Minutes. D. Mapes seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Committee Updates

A. McMurry announced D. Wright's appointment to the MMP Committee was approved by the Board of Commissioners at its February meeting.

February Follow-up – Special Materials Goals

A. McMurry reviewed the Special Materials goals discussed during the February MMPC meeting and noted several goals were consolidated to reduce redundancy and improve

clarity. Special materials goals focused on construction and demolition (C&D) were combined to focus on identifying and engaging partner organizations to support material redistribution, deconstruction, and building relocation. Special materials goals focused on reuse were also consolidated to focus on evaluating the feasibility of establishing a reuse area at the Pleasantview Road Drop-off Center. Identification of reuse partners was incorporated as a target of the consolidated goal. Special materials goals focused on textiles were combined to focus on identifying technologies and end markets, and education and outreach related to textile repair and reuse were discussed as implementation strategies.

A. McMurry also explained that goals related to transfer station upgrades and waste audits were combined into a single multi-material goal evaluating return on investment and quantifying special materials generated in the county. Household hazardous waste goals were revised to focus on evaluating expanded services and reuse models rather than establishing a licensed hub. Battery management remains a distinct goal addressing safety, collection, and policy considerations. Committee members expressed general agreement with the revised structure and direction of the Special Materials goals.

MMP Siting Process

E. Seltzer stated the three consistency pathways: automatically consistent, consistency through applicable local zoning ordinances incorporated by reference in the plan, or consistency following a formal siting review.

E. Seltzer also reviewed the County's current siting process and noted that expansions at the existing county transfer station and recycling facility are treated as automatically consistent, whereas any relocation would trigger a full siting review. Certain new facilities, such as small transfer stations meeting specific criteria, also require siting review, while source separated recycling and compost facilities are addressed through local zoning only. E. Seltzer also reviewed capacity based exemptions that allow the county to decline siting where existing system capacity is demonstrably sufficient.

A. McMurry invited T. Doernenburg, Emmet County Planning & Zoning Director, to outline how county and township zoning interact with the facility siting process. T. Doernenburg explained that zoning requirements differ across jurisdictions and emphasized the need to coordinate reviews to ensure plan consistency to zoning approvals are aligned. A committee member asked whether siting should precede zoning or vice versa, noting scenarios where one body could deny an application after the other has approved it. Committee members agreed it would be helpful to draft language that delineates review

order, defines notice expectations, and clarifies roles to avoid duplicative or conflicting actions.

The committee discussed the need to prepare streamlined siting language that modernizes the existing process and considers coordination with zoning, local capacity, and clearly maps facility categories to the appropriate review pathway.

Work Program and Next Steps

The committee reviewed the upcoming work program. April's meeting will focus on funding and resources to support plan implementation. A. McMurry also shared that residential and business survey results have been provided to RRS for analysis, and draft analysis and facility inventory materials will be shared with the committee for review.

Committee Feedback

None.

Public Comment

A member of the public shared ideas and opportunities related to repair and reuse programs, seasonal plant reuse partnerships, and preservation based building relocation as a waste reduction strategy.

Next Steps

The committee will meet again on April 14th, 2026, from 10am to 12pm.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by K. Donner and seconded by J. Steffel. Meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

Approved by: _____

Handwritten signature of Douglas R. Fuller in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.