

Materials Management Committee Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2023

Members present: Lisa McKenzie, Susan Burack, Joel Keranen, Jonathon Nagel, Gretchen Janssen, Ben Larson

An opportunity for a small grant to collect CFL light bulbs. People would drop them off, Curt would box them up and send them out. This was the \$2000 grant. Ben's discussed that this amount of money would only get this started but there would likely be additional cost to the County to complete this project.

Current rate sheet does not include the cost to bring recycled items. \$10/car, \$20/truck.

Discussion of the Materials Management Plan required by EGLE. Official letters to be mailed in September. The County has 180 days to submit letter of intent.

- Who would be the designated planning agency
- What other counties/townships/etc. will we work with
- Susan's suggested organizing this effort like the ISD is organized.
- The more counties working together bigger pool of \$\$.
- WUPPDR is working to engage Baraga County and Tribe
- Townships, Villages, and Cities are not required to make a plan if the County does. Their input to the County Plan would be encouraged.
- This plan must be updated every 5 years.
- There will be grant money for education and outreach once the plan is done.

Showed photos of Emmet County visit

Discussion of the heavy garbage bins in Houghton

Discussion on special, free events to collect tires, batteries, etc.

Jonathon would like the TS to be a 1-stop place to bring a variety of stuff.

Jonathon's report – there was no existing data on trash collection. 6 months of research and this is the most accurate that he can be. He collected it from WM, Tech, Brad, TS, and private entities.