

**HOUGHTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2018**

The Solid Waste Committee held a meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Attendance:

Tom Tikkanen-Chairman, David Hall, Susan Burack, Lynn Gierke, Eric Forsberg, and Jennifer Kelly.

Chairman Tikkanen stated he wants to continue the Solid Waste Committee.

The Committee discussed an Agenda, and reviewing the existing Solid Waste Plan, and to have a completed plan in 2019. The last plan was updated in 2000.

Eric Forsberg recommended WUPPDR assist in re-writing the plan. Chairman Tikkanen will discuss this with WUPPDR at the next scheduled meeting.

The Committee discussed the plan update, priorities, and options for cost for transportation other than Greenland.

Susan Burack discussed a county dump truck, and attempt a County wide effort, and recycling dumpsters.

David Hall discussed Waste Management and American, and stated the City of Houghton and the City of Hancock are not using the Counties' transfer station facility, and stated all county entities should be on the same plan.

Eric Forsberg advised the Committee that people can purchase bags at the transfer station for use at the transfer station. The Committee discussed other stores where the bags could be purchased.

A WUPPDR planner will be asked to attend the January Solid Waste Committee meeting. DEQ will also need to be involved.

David Hall will email the committee members the Emmet County Plan.

The Committee agreed to meet next on Wednesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:30 pm on the 5th floor in the Conference Room of the courthouse.

The Committee discussed getting businesses, schools, and campuses to recycle. This will be discussed at the next Recycling Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed tire recycling in 2019. They need the County to be supportive, and have an enclosed place to do the recycling and get volunteers to assist. Commissioner Palosaari may assist with the tire recycling. Chairman Tikkanen stated he planned to put in for a Grant for the tire recycling in 2019.

Susan Burack recommended partnering with two (2) junkyards.

The Committee discussed spring clean-ups and possible composting at the transfer station.

David Hall asked if the cities, townships, and County all talk regarding issues. This may be something that should be looked into.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

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