

**Official Proceedings of the
Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA)
January 23, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.**

The Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA) met in Regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Charter Township of Alpena, 4385 US-23 N., Alpena, MI 49707.

Directors Present:	Cindy Johnson	City of Alpena
	Rachel Smolinski	City of Alpena
	Laura Ellery-Somers	Charter Township of Alpena
	Russ Rhynard	Charter Township of Alpena
	John Kozlowski	County of Alpena
	Bill LaHaie	County of Alpena
	Mary Thomson	Long Rapids Township
	Julia Silkworth	Maple Ridge Township
	Randy Fairbanks	Ossineke Township
	Ron Lucas	Wellington Township
	Don Gilmet	Wilson Township

Directors Absent:	Eric Smith	Green Township
	Gary Stephan	Sanborn Township

Others Present:	Bailey Barr	Executive Direct
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Others(s) via Zoom:	none
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Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken; the following Board Directors were present: Chair Johnson, Treasurer Smolinski, Secretary Ellery-Somers, Director Rhynard, Director Kozlowski, Director LaHaie, Director Thomson, Director Kasubowski, Director Fairbanks, Director Lucas, and Director Gilmet. Absent: Director Smith and Director Stephan.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Secretary Smolinski and supported by Director Rhynard to approve the agenda with the addition of an updated pricelist as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Moved by Treasurer Smolinski and supported by Director Gilmet to postpone the approval of the December 17, 2024 minutes until February. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Smolinski presented the November and December 2024 financial reports from Alpena County and NMMMA.

Treasurer Smolinski reported that we received our first check from MOA, in which we will receive up to \$75,000.00 annually. We brought in more money than what was budgeted for (within the total sale of recyclables) due to Executive Director shopping around for the best price. Payroll was 8% over budget, therefore we pulled \$30,000.00 from our line of credit to cover payroll. The funds will be paid back to AAACU. We had to increase staffing to get us through the busier times. Executive Director Barr is working on a membership program instead of a permit program. Our next audit will be done in April.

December 2024 Financial Reports (reports from County Treasurer)

- a) Balance Sheet period ending 12-31-24
- b) Revenue & Expenditure Report period ending 12-31-24

November & December 2024 Financial Reports (from Treasurer Smolinski)

- a) Balance Sheet
- b) Balance Sheet Detail
- c) Budget vs Actuals General Operations
- d) Budget vs Actuals New Facility Project
- e) Profit and Loss Detail

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Director LaHaie to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

TRUCK/DRIVER CAMERAS & TRACKING SYSTEM

Executive Director Barr presented 3 different Truck/Driver Cameras and Tracking System options.

- 1) **Motive:** the cost is \$95.00 per month, year to year based, they are not a huge player in tracking the fleet, they offered good monthly rates, they offer international customer support, quality was good and the reviews were wishy washy.

- 2) **Verizon Connect:** The Verizon Connect platform all-in is \$54.20 per vehicle, per month, which includes: the telematics portion with all the reports, alerts, maintenance reminders, digital pre and post trip inspections, and our AI road and driver facing video with coaching. This is on a government agreement, with no multi-year commitments. Verizon will install the equipment on the truck(s) and they will assist with the any re-routing piece of it to get the most efficient way to plan the routes. No cost for equipment.
- 3) **Samsara:** Samsara is top of the line, they only do telematics, \$3,744.00 is the upfront cost and 3-years of software services. They offer better pricing after we would have 5+ vehicles in our fleet.

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to authorize Executive Director Barr to purchase the Verizon Connect Platform and authorize the Chair to sign any necessary documents as presented.

Roll call was taken: AYES: Chair Johnson, Treasurer Smolinski, Secretary Ellery-Somers, Director Rhynard, Director Kozlowski, Director LaHaie, Director Thomson, Director Silkworth, Director Fairbanks, Director Lucas, and Director Gilmet. NAYS: None. Absent: Director Stephan and Director Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAILEY BARR

Executive Director Barr informed the board that he is in the process of reaching out to businesses for annual memberships, for example: financial institutions, beverage companies, auto dealerships and more for sponsorships. HPC Credit Union donated \$1,000.00 towards the new MRF.

Executive Director Barr is working on developing annual recycling memberships with prorated amounts if less than 1-year.

Treasurer Smolinski suggested establishing a business challenge to raise money with the rest of the community. NMMMA was awarded a \$50,000.00 pledge from Besser Foundation for the new facility

We continue talks to work with Holcim on glass recycling.

Executive Director Barr informed the board that we need a compaction bin. He explained that we pay GFL \$850.00 per dump for a dumpster and \$400.00 per month for the rental. We could haul it ourselves to MOA. With us not taking garbage anymore we would haul garbage every 4-6 weeks to MOA.

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to purchase a compaction bin in the amount of \$7,800.00 with an additional \$1,200.00 to haul the bin to the facility in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Roll call was taken: AYES: Chair Johnson, Treasurer Smolinski, Secretary Ellery-Somers, Director Rhynard, Director Kozlowski, Director LaHaie, Director Thomson, Director Silkworth, Director

Fairbanks, Director Lucas, and Director Gilmet. NAYS: None. Absent: Director Stephan and Director Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Barr met with Megan Swartz of Great Lakes Responsibility, she offered to provide educational material, grant work, service club presentations, and promotional materials.

Executive Director Barr stated that he will provide a more detailed report at the February meeting.

Moved by Director LaHaie and supported by Director Fairbanks to receive and file Executive Director Barr's monthly report as presented.

PRICE LIST 2025

Executive Director Barr provided an update on the 2025 price list. He will figure out the pro-rated rates for annual memberships. He will check on prices for various size tires including tractor tires.

Moved by Chair Johnson and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to approve the 2025 price list as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMPANY COLOR

Executive Director Barr requested that we postpone the discussion of a company color.

Moved by Secretary Ellery-Somers and supported by Chair Johnson to postpone the discussion of a company color for future purchases at the February meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW HOOK TRUCK OPTIONS

Executive Director Barr presented New Hook Truck Options after he spoke with Scott from MTEC. We want to make sure the bonds are in place before moving forward. There are two trucks that are being considered, a Kenworth and a Western Star. These are in the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$275,675.00 per truck. Western Star has great service and great quality of the truck. The trailer is a separate cost but is budgeted. All 3 are quoted for heavy hauling which we will need for when we begin to haul glass. The Western Star trucks are located at a Lansing dealership and we could get them in February of 2026. The Western Star is right behind Kenworth. These would be held until Feb March 2026.

Moved by Treasurer Smolinski and supported by Director Gilmet to post-pone discussion of the New Hook options until the February meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

HYDROLIC LEAK

Executive Director Barr informed the board of a hydrolic leak due to a plastic cap. Director Barr contacted MTEC and they will send us reimbursement check for the electronic component in the amount of \$446.00. They are always available to help us on the spot, with great customer service.

ELECTION OF AUTHORITY OFFICERS

Chair Johnson stated that the election of authority offices must be done in a public vote, not by secret ballot per open meetings act.

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to keep the current executive board for three more years.

Secretary Ellery-Somers commented that due to her work load and for personal reasons she needs to step down as Secretary.

The motion was amended to: Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to keep the current President Cindy Johnson, current Vice-President John Kozlowski and current Treasurer Rachel Smolinski for three more years.

Roll call was taken: AYES: Chair Johnson, Treasurer Smolinski, Secretary Ellery-Somers, Director Rhynard, Director Kozlowski, Director LaHaie, Director Thomson, Director Silkworth, Director Fairbanks, Director Lucas, and Director Gilmet. NAYS: None. Absent: Director Stephan and Director Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Director Rhynard to postpone the election of Secretary until next meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary Ellery-Somers left 11:00 a.m.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE EPA SWFR GRANT

Executive Director Barr reported that he has been working with Annie White of RSS on the EPA SWFR Grant that was submitted approximately a month and a half ago. We will know in December if we get awarded for what we applied for. If we are funded, we would put it towards curb side.

Moved by Director LaHaie and supported by Treasurer Smolinski to receive and file the EPA SWIFR Proposal Submittal and Collection Infrastructure Modeling Update.

MRF FUNDING

Treasurer Smolinski announced to the board that we received \$50,000.00 from Besser. The overall Capital budget is \$5.519 million for our new facility. We have an EGLE Grant \$814,639.00. It

takes the purchase of the new truck out of that amount. We have \$30,000.00 corporate grants, Stimulus Funds from Alpena County \$425, currently working with USDA Rural Development (CDS Funds) Congressionally Directed Spending, we are reengaged with USDA they have to work with their council to make sure the funds that were originally directed to Alpena County to transfer those funds to NMMMA directly. We requested additional funding from EGLE for \$750,000.00. We hope to hear back on this within the next two weeks. If we are successful in receiving the additional funds from EGLE, we would be issuing a bond between \$750,000.00 and \$1 million dollars. We are in the process of working with Bond Counsel and our Financial analyst. We will be bringing a request to the County get a Full Faith and Credit Pledge from a governmental entity. We currently have 72% of the new facility funded.

Director Gilmet stated that we will need to apply for a building permit from Wilson Township before April.

2025 CLEAN-UP & ELECTRONICS DAY

Executive Director Barr commented that if there were any municipalities that haven't received an invoice for their appropriation for 2025 Clean Up/Electronics Day to please contact him.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Gilmet and supported by Director Kozlowski to adjourn. Voice Vote, Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11.37 a.m.

Secretary Laura Ellery-Somers

Chair Johnson