

MEETING NOTICE
PARTNERSHIP ON WASTE AND ENERGY BOARD

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Commissioners, Key staff, Presenters:

Ramsey County Environmental Health | 2785 White Bear Ave N. | 2nd Floor Conference Room
Maplewood, MN 55109 | [Map](#)

Public: Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely or may attend at the Maplewood address.
[Microsoft TEAMS](#) | Phone Conference ID: 326 485 070# | Call In (audio only): 1-323-792-6297

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Introductions**
2. **Approval of Agenda** Action Page 1
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4. **Business**
 - a. Governing Board Leadership for 2023 Information Page 5
5. **Updates and Reports** Information Page 7
 - a. Legislative Session Update
 - b. Extended Producer Responsibility Update
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 1:00-2:30 PM | Ramsey County Environmental Health, Maplewood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
PARTNERSHIP ON WASTE AND ENERGY BOARD

A meeting of the Partnership on Waste and Energy Board (PWE) was held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Commissioners and staff participants met at the Ramsey County Environmental Health Office, 2785 White Bear Avenue North, Maplewood, Minnesota. Other participants and the public joined remotely.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel – Hennepin County
Commissioner Fran Miron – Washington County
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt – Ramsey County

ATTENDING AT RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, MAPLEWOOD

Leigh Behrens, Dave Brummel, Max Dalton, Dan Donkers, Dave McNary, Michael Reed, John Ristad, Bob Roche, Jody Tharp, Britta Torkelson, Jeff Travis, Rob Vanasek, Sam Walseth

PARTICIPATING REMOTELY

Marisa Repka, Alicia Blake

ATTENDING REMOTELY

Mallory Anderson, Alison Cameron, Olivia Cashman, Tutu Fatukasi, Timothy Farnan, Sam Ferguson, Jamie Giesen, Tabitha Hansen, Sam Hanson, Filsan Ibrahim, John Jaimez, Leslie Duling McCollam, Andrea McKennan, Jennifer Nguyễn Moore, Peder Sandhei, Minette Saulog, Ken Smith, Uriel Rosales Tlatenchi, Kris Wehlage

CALL TO ORDER AND COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Chair Miron called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Introductions of attendees in Maplewood were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved, seconded by Goettel, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Goettel, Miron, Reinhardt

Nays: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved, seconded by Goettel, to approve the minutes of October 27, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Goettel, Miron, Reinhardt

Nays: None

BUSINESS

Legislative Platform

Sam Richie, Fryberger Law Firm, presented an overview of legislative status going into the 2023 session.

- The budget surplus is partly due to supplemental agreements from 2022 that were not enacted.
- The Governor's budget will be released on January 24.
- There is discussion of a bonding bill, as it did not get done during the 2022 bonding year.
- Likely to be passed is a paid family leave program, adult-use cannabis and increased state spending on public housing, education, and human services.
- The omnibus spending bill did not pass at the end of 2022 and is a likely starting point for 2023.

Rob Vanasek, Capitol Hill Associates, provided an overview of legislative issues for 2023. Given the margin of the chamber, it is a tenuous situation and priorities will not include many new issues. Hot issues include SCORE funding, product stewardship for mattresses, Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust (MLCAT), Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF), Capital Assistance Program (CAP) for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), landfills, extended producer responsibility (EPR), waste-to-energy, compostable products, solar energy, and e-waste.

Commissioners Goettel and Reinhardt emphasized a need for notice of actions as issues arise, and the importance of ensuring first-year members understand that waste-to-energy is part of the hierarchy goals as an environmental solution.

Vanasek said the waste hierarchy will be challenged this year. The focus is on environmental justice and bills on air emissions to reach 100% by 2040. The Partnership is in a strong position to lead on EPR issues.

Commissioner Reinhardt said PWE should lean into the transition to eliminate refuse-derived fuel (RDF), emphasizing that the state needs to make an investment rather than making an unfunded law that eliminates RDF.

Reed reviewed the changes to the proposed 2023 platform, which maintains three primary messages of the last platform and refines it to sharpen the focus. Staff and lobbyists will begin sharing the platform with numerous partners, including MPCA, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA), Minnesota Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA), Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM), Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and League of Minnesota Cities.

Commissioner Reinhardt said PWE has long talked about being part of the solution and the circular economy. She suggested PWE call out climate resilience as the impact of the circular economy, making sure to use the legislature's nomenclature.

Commissioner Miron said there are a couple of areas in the platform that could easily incorporate "environmental justice" and "climate resilience". Commissioner Reinhardt stated she would prefer to pass the platform now and have final language incorporating those terms approved by the PWE Board chair.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved, seconded by Goettel, to approve Resolution PWE-2022-06, 2023 State Legislative Platform as written, with final language to be approved by the PWE Board chair.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Goettel, Miron, Reinhardt

Nays: None

2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Dave McNary, Hennepin County and PWE lead staff, presented the proposed 2023 PWE Board meeting schedule. Commissioner Miron requested that the resolution include reference to the specific meeting dates.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved, seconded by Goettel, to approve Resolution PWE-2022-07, 2023 Board Meeting Schedule, with inclusion of Attachment A, 2023 Meeting Schedule.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Goettel, Miron, Reinhardt

Nays: None

UPDATES AND REPORTS

Wood Waste Study Report

John Springman, Ramsey County Environmental Health, introduced a report on a study of wood waste approved by the PWE Board in the 2022 budget. Marisa Repka and Alicia Blake presented the report conducted by Cambium Carbon.

Commissioner Miron said he anticipates pushback in more rural areas on regulating open burning and that regulation should focus on large-volume burning at commercial locations. He also noted that no costs are identified, and no funding options presented for the stated goals. Unfunded mandates are problematic for cities, counties and businesses who are already controlling open burning.

OTHER

Commissioner Miron recognized the upcoming retirement of Jeff Travis, Washington County Public Health and Environment, and his 30 years of service with Washington County.

ADJOURN

Chair Miron called the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Approved: _____
Commissioner Goettel, Chair
February 9, 2023

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PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING DATE:	February 9, 2023		AGENDA ITEM:	4.a	
SUBJECT:	Governing Board Leadership for 2023				
TYPE OF ITEM:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	POLICY DISCUSSION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACTION
SUBMITTED BY:	Partnership Lead Staff				

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of the Partnership on Waste and Energy (Partnership) states the Governing Board shall include the chair and vice chair of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) Board and a commissioner appointed by Hennepin County, resulting in a representative commissioner from each of Ramsey, Washington and Hennepin counties. Partnership Board members serve two-year terms.

The R&E Board appointed Commissioner Fran Miron and Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt to the second year of two-year terms at its organizational meeting on January 25, 2023. The Hennepin County Board appointed Commissioner Goettel to the second year of a two-year term at its organizational meeting on January 3, 2023.

Since leadership of the Partnership, for chair and vice chair, rotates annually by county name in alphabetical order, the 2023 Partnership chair is Commissioner Goettel, and the Partnership vice chair will be Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt.

The Partnership's alternate board members serve a two-year term through 2024. The Hennepin County Board appointed Commissioner LaTondresse as the alternate for the Partnership Board at its organizational meeting on January 3, 2023. The R&E Board appointed Commissioner Karwoski and Commissioner MatasCastillo as alternates for the Partnership Board at its organizational meeting on January 25, 2023.






ATTACHMENTS:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

SUBJECT: *Governing Board Leadership for 2023*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES		DATE
Hennepin County		1/27/2023
Recycling & Energy		1/27/2023
		1/27/2023
Washington County Attorney		1/25/2023
Approved as to form:		1/27/2023
Ramsey County Attorney		

PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING DATE:	February 9, 2023		AGENDA ITEM:	5.	
SUBJECT:	Updates & Reports				
TYPE OF ITEM:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	POLICY DISCUSSION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACTION
SUBMITTED BY:	Partnership Lead Staff				

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Legislative Session Update

The Minnesota Legislative Session began on January 3, 2023. Staff and lobbyists will provide an update on activities and issues that may be addressed in the months ahead. The State Constitution requires the legislature to conclude business by May 22, 2023.

Extended Producer Responsibility Update

In 2021, the Partnership on Waste and Energy entered into a contract with the Product Stewardship Institute to coordinate and facilitate staff and stakeholder development of a legislative proposal to establish extended producer responsibility for packaging, customized to Minnesota's waste and recycling system. A progress update on this contract will be provided to the board, as well as key elements of a legislative proposal being developed through this process. In addition, staff will provide an update on activities related to extended producer responsibility for packaging, paper products and single-use products.




ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023 State Legislative Platform

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

SUBJECT: *Updates & Reports*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES		DATE
Hennepin County		1/17/2023
Recycling & Energy		1/17/2023
		1/17/2023

2023 State Legislative Platform

Build on Waste Management Act goals

PWE supports policies that reach beyond current public health and environmental goals and advance equity and climate resilience.

PWE supports forward-looking policy and regulatory design to align energy and materials management strategies, encourage emerging technologies and support new markets for waste.

PWE supports stronger, innovative collaboration among state and local governments to maximize the benefits of waste, resource and energy initiatives.

Enhance solid waste financing

PWE supports tax and finance policies that create effective incentives and distribute resources in alignment with policy goals.

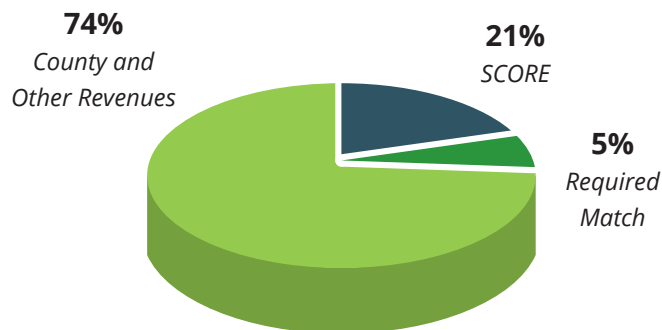
PWE supports robust state funding for local government to carry out statutory responsibilities.

Create a more sustainable, climate resilient economy

PWE supports measures to design waste, toxicity and pollution out of the marketplace and keep products and resources in use for a more equitable circular economy.

PWE supports partnerships among private and public entities to prevent waste and use waste as a resource.

County Recycling Spending and SCORE Grants, 2020



State grants cover only 1/5 of county spending for recycling.

Need more information?

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The Partnership on Waste and Energy—a collaboration between Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties—seeks to end waste, promote renewable energy and enhance the health and resiliency of communities we serve while advancing equity and responding to the challenges of a changing climate.