**Portage County Solid Waste Management**

**Policy Committee Meeting**

**3-11-2025**

**Roll Call**

Tracy Wallach

Judy Nelson

Mike Tinlin

Justin Rechichar

Ed Dean

**Absent**

Pat McCon

**Also Present**

Dawn Collins

Dawn Burgess

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Tracy Wallach.

Dawn Collins reported changes in member status. Commissioner Mike Tinlin replaced Commissioner Tony Badalamenti. Our previous Chairperson, Melanie Knowles, moved to Cuyahoga County. Notice of Committee Member opening has been sent and no responses, as of yet.

Judy Nelson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 14, 2024. Tracy Wallach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tracy Wallach made a motion to appoint Judy Nelson to be voted in as Chair, Ed Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tracy Wallach to remain Vice Chair.

Dawn Collins-Solid Waste Plan Discussion:

Updates were made to the Draft Plan based on recommendations from Ohio EPA Non-Binding Advisory Comments. These updates were sent to Policy Committee Members for review with Judy Nelson proofing. Ohio EPA has additionally reviewed the changes. The written public comment period is from May 20, to June 19, with a public hearing following, within 15 days.

Judy Nelson made a motion to approve the changes to the Solid Waste Plan Discussion, Ed Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dawn Collins discussed battery and food recycling in Portage County.

Discussion on Earth Day at Kent State University and Spring Clean-ups with tire collection.

Next meeting is July 8,2025, at 2:00 pm.

Judy Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 2:32 pm, Justin Rechichar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Dawn Burgess