

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2021

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mott.

WHEREAS, the County is charged by Public Act 451, Part 115, as amended, Eaton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update of February 1999 to enhance the separation, collection, and utilization of materials to increase the percentage of the solid waste stream diverted; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery operates collection programs, which divert recyclable materials from landfills; and

WHEREAS, agricultural operations are widely practiced and are a critical economic sector in the State of Michigan and in the County; and

WHEREAS, high and low density polyethylene film plastic waste is a common and frequent externality of agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, in partnership of the Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan Farm Bureau, the County Department of Resource Recovery developed a pilot program for recycling of high and low density polyethylene film plastics from agricultural operations in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Resource Recovery recommends a fee of \$0.08 per pound to support the collection, processing, and management of the film plastic material during the one-year period, extending from May 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Planning Committee has reviewed the first of its kind in the State recycling program and supports the testing of this program as recommended by the Department to increase the diversion of these materials from landfills and prevent unsafe means of disposal by providing an opportunity for recycling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the agricultural plastic film recycling pilot program and the \$0.08 per pound program fee during the pilot period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Resource Recovery will provide data from this pilot program for evaluation to consider its effectiveness, continuation, expansion and/or modification to the Public Works and Planning Committee.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.