

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 25, 2006 at 6:30 PM
Senator Hearing Room—Main Floor—Courthouse Square
555 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97305

Routine Business: Thomas Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Thomas Smith, Michael Clark, David Furr, Mary Kanz, John Matthews, Nora Schliske, Judy Skinner, Glenn Zimmerman, Russ Johnson, Bob Anderson

Members Absent: Susie Riches, Larry Bevins, David Phelps

Public Signed in: Bonnie Sullivan

Staff Present: Jeff Bickford, Carol Ault
BOC Present: Commissioner Janet Carlson

Approval of Minutes:	Glenn Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.
Discussion:	None
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
Didn't vote:	John Matthews and Michael Clark arrived after vote was taken.
Results:	Minutes approved as written.

Public Input: None

Ongoing Items List: No discussion.

Sharps Update: Jeff said he sent an email to the council members with sharps information. According to Jeff, if a syringe has **never** had a needle on it, then it's okay to put it in bag and put in trash. **If it was used with a needle, then, by law, the syringe and all must go in the sharps medical container.** Mary and Jeff spoke about the difference between the large syringes used for feeding small animals, and a syringe used for vaccinating. Nora suggested that Marion County look into a program such as Multnomah County uses for the sharps. David Furr spoke about additional cost to properly dispose of sharps. If proper means of disposal were provided, more would follow the rules.

Judy asked Mary how a hauler would know the difference between a syringe used for diabetics, a chicken baster syringe, or an epoxy syringe. Mary explained that these types of syringes are very distinguishable and easy to recognize. Mary pointed out that the whole system was designed to protect, not only the haulers, but the public, as well. David Furr read the wording of ORS 459.386 which states: "Sharps include needles, IV tubing with needles attached, scalpel blades, lancets, glass tubes that could be broken during handling, and syringes that have been removed from their original sterile containers."

Glenn said there are bigger containers, explained there is more to the program than just the fear of getting stuck with a sharp. They must have a blood born pathogen program which entails certification, providing shots if the employee wants them, and extensive training. If an employee gets stuck, there is a possible worker's compensation case, with OSHA getting involved, which can turn into a real nightmare.

Q. If what David read about the ORS 459.386 is the law, but what Mary said is the way it's interpreted, how are we supposed to know the difference?

A. Jeff said that question has come up before. DEQ has clarified that their direction is if anyone has been injected with that syringe/needle, then the syringe and needle both go in the sharps bin because there could be draw back and blood borne pathogens within the entire syringe.

Judy said she heard from people who had to drive a long way to pick up the medical waste container from the hauler. Mary stated that the containers are delivered right to the customer's house.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Mary said the rates in Marion County are not exorbitant for medical waste, residential, or commercial. She said the local garbage haulers are offered the same disposal rate for medical waste disposal as municipal solid waste, which is \$67.45 per ton. On the Eastern Seaboard, it exceeds \$950 per ton or higher.

Mary also said that last night the Salem City Council approved a rate increase the haulers requested for residential rates. This included the residential sharps collection for residents, as well as a new schedule for commercial rates. There is a bit of a change for the commercial medical waste with a high volume generator rate and a low volume generator rate now going into effect. Those rates will take effect May 2nd, once the resolution is approved.

ILLEGAL BURNING UPDATE: Jeff Bickford

Jeff Bickford, Glenn Zimmerman and Bob Anderson met at the BOC conference room this afternoon. Also in attendance were Byron Meadows (Public Works Land Use), and the Board of Commissioners and their advisors. Jeff reported that the two primary issues they addressed were the most effective way to enforce illegal burning and all burning within the UGB of Salem.

Glenn Zimmerman added that the Commissioners would like the subcommittee to continue with this topic, and also to host a meeting with some other "stakeholders" to get their feedback on how they handle those types of issues. They asked the subcommittee to then bring those ideas back to the Commissioners.

Bob Anderson added that one problem is whether or not there is enough manpower to enforce the illegal burning issue. Bob asked if all these agencies share the information gathered when going out on an illegal report? Bob said Commissioner Sam Brentano suggested banning burning barrels all together.

David Furr asked about residents who burn garbage indoors. Bob said this topic was discussed and felt that it's just a matter of educating the public. Nora spoke to a fire

dispatcher and he told her that if they are called out on an illegal burning call, all they can do is ask them to put it out. Nora asked Commissioner Carlson if the Sheriff would respond to a call of illegal burning. Commissioner Carlson said she couldn't speak for the Sheriff's office, but that's why the BOC suggested having the Sheriff Department, Salem Fire District, and the Salem Code Enforcement meet with the subcommittee to discuss this issue.

Jeff said the subcommittee would reconvene to figure out which direction to go, and then set up a meeting with the stakeholders. After that, they may possibly bring it back to the SWMAC for an opportunity for public input, and then take that discussion back to another work session. Commissioner Carlson thanked Jeff, Glenn and Bob for their input on this issue and added that when two Commissioners agree on something, that's enough to go forward with it. Commissioner Carlson mentioned that there's interest in looking at certain parameters and at the enforcement part. This includes reviewing who will enforce, how to better enforce, and the countywide ordinances that are now on the books.

Membership by Jeff Bickford

Interview subcommittee will meet at 5:30pm on Thursday in the Environmental Services conference room, on the 5th Floor. The Statesman Journal has been notified of this meeting and it's also on the web site. There will be two applicants interviewed – one for the Citizen-at-large position, and one for the Building Industry/Construction position. Glenis is recruiting applicants for the Community Organization position.

Council Input/Announcements/New Business

Russ Johnston read an article from the Statesman Journal regarding changing rules for some industrial facilities. Russ explained that the change, if passed, would charge new facilities for expansions of existing facilities, which we're not doing. It also changes the emissions controls for these facilities.

Bob Anderson announced that AJ's Auto received the United States Small Business Stewardship Award at a conference he attended in New Hampshire.

Staff Updates:

- The Earth Day Fair at Oregon gardens brought between 5,000 and 6,000 in attendance.
- The HHW Collection Event in Silverton at the Fire District had a slow turnout, but some large quantities came in with those that did participate.
- There will be another HHW Event on Saturday, April 29th in Stayton at Roth's parking lot from 8am to 3pm.
- On Saturday, April 22, the PVC collection event was held. The sites were the Salem Transfer Station, North Marion Transfer Station and Brown's Island Demolition site. The total tonnage collected for Brown's Island and Salem Transfer Station was about 13.5 tons. North Marion has not yet reported the amount collected.
- The Waste Matters tabloid went out in the Statesman Journal on April 7. For residents not receiving the Statesman Journal, it was bulk mailed to those residents.

- On May 6, from 9am to 4pm, the compost bin truckload sale will be held at Fred Meyer East, Roth's Vista Market, Keizer Copper Creek Mercantile, Coastal Farms Store in Woodburn, and the Wilco Farm Stores in Stayton and Silverton. The bins will sell for \$28.00.
- The Waste Reduction Grant applications are due on May 26, 2006.
- Reminder: ES is moving to Public Work's Silverton Road Campus on May 25. All email addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers are staying the same.
- The Ag Fest will be at the State Fairgrounds on April 29 and 30.
- David Furr mentioned the science fair they had at Waldo Middle School, which he and other Master Recyclers helped to set up a booth at. Waste Matters tabloid, recycled pencils, etc. were handed out.
- Mary commended staff for a good job on placing ads and was impressed with the Marion County booth at the Home Remodeling Show. John said his Mother was impressed with the ads Bailey does on cable TV. John also did a Master Recycler class at Lane County a few weeks ago. He took copies of the Waste Matters with him and the class was very impressed.
- Thomas mentioned that the Master Gardeners are having a plant sale on Center Street on May 5,6, and 7.
- Judy shared that there were a couple Master Recyclers at the Salem Public Market and they collected a bunch of flowerpots and talked about recycling.

Nora announced the absent members: Larry Bevens, David Phelps, and Susan Riches.

Agenda for next meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2006

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| • Discuss meeting location | 5 min |
| • Illegal burn update from subcommittee | 30 min |
| • Membership action/discussion/recommendation | 15 min |

Meeting Review:

- The group expressed how much they appreciated Commissioner Janet Carlson for attending these meetings.

Adjournment:

<p>Michael move to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Abstentions: None Dissensions: None Results: Motion passes.</p>
