

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 2006 – 6:30 PM
Senator Hearing Room – Main Floor – Courthouse Square
555 Court Street NE, Salem Oregon 97301

ROUTINE BUSINESS: Thomas Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Smith, David Furr, John Matthews, David Phelps, Susan Riches, Nora Schliske, Judy Skinner, Glenn Zimmerman, Russ Johnston, Larry Bevens, and Mary Kanz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Anderson and Michael Clark

PUBLIC SIGNED IN: Bonnie Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Bickford, Carol Ault

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion:	Glenn Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.
Discussion:	None
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
Results:	Minutes approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ONGOING ITEMS LIST:

- Mary Kanz said she would have to leave early to attend a Salem Neighborhood Association meeting to announce that the garbage haulers in Salem and Marion County have requested a rate increase. There is no set dollar or percentage increase yet. Once this is finalized, Mary will meet with Jeff and staff. The UGB rates match the City of Salem rates. Jim Sears requested this several years ago. There will be no service changes. There are several reasons for the rate increase request: 1) there has been a yard debris processing cost increase, 2) the cost of fuel is higher, 3) increased medical insurance costs, and 4) an aging fleet.

Q. Will this effect West Salem?

A. Yes

Comment: Larry suggested being careful of the language regarding the cost of fuel being one of the reasons for rate increase – since, in the future the cost of gas might go down.

Q. What is Salem area commercial customers paying for cardboard recycling?

A. That is included in whatever their service package is.

Mary Kanz shared that she had a great trip to Korea to visit her grandchildren and would be glad to do a slide presentation at a future meeting. Mary also shared that there are no recycling facilities in Korea that she could see. The instructions to the military families are to separate the recyclables, then when it's picked up, it's all mixed together in one container.

SHARPS DISCUSSION:

Nora brought various sizes of syringes used for her sheep. Nora explained that a big share of the "syringes" is used without a needle to give the sheep worm medicine orally. By having to put the whole syringe in the medical waste container, it fills up quite quickly and gets rather expensive. Nora

said she'd like to see something developed from the Legislature that would allow just putting the sharp part of the syringe into the container. Another option would be to work with the Veterinarian's Association in Marion/Polk Counties and have the veterinarians (who are the ones that issue some of these medications) some kind of container that farmers can use. Mary asked who told her to put the whole syringe in a bucket. Nora said that was the main Lobbyist, Kristin Mitchell. When Nora testified at the Legislature, also in attendance were the Oregon Veterinarians Association and the Cattleman's Association. Senator Wyden sponsored a bill for Nora. Also a doctor from the Department of Health attended. They were told to go into a conference to make some kind of compromise. The compromise they came up with was to make some kind of container that the syringe part could be put in, not the sharp. Mary explained that the problem with splitting the syringe from the actual sharp is when the handlers are processing the medical waste, and they aren't sure if there is a needle in the syringe or not, it will stop the whole system. Mary commented that the "syringes" purchased without a needle might be called a syringe, but shouldn't be considered a "sharp". Jeff asked Nora to leave these samples so he can get further clarification. (Mary Kanz had to leave at 6:46 pm) Glenn explained that without the "sharp" on these syringes, they are no different than those syringes used for epoxies, silicones, etc. Larry asked if there were any agencies that would take new, unused syringes, such as those used by diabetics. Agencies such as Hospice, churches that work with Missionaries, and Northwest Medical were suggested. Nora suggested that if there were a big plastic bag that farmers could take to the landfill/transfer station so the haulers wouldn't have to worry if there were a needle hiding in the contents, then we could educate to put the sharp part in the medical waste bin. Jeff will investigate the sharp vs. syringe distinction and also, why the "red bags" that the hospitals use couldn't be used for the "syringe" only, with needles put into puncture-proof sharps container for Marion Environmental to dispose of. David suggested getting the official document that defines a sharp. Jeff will check into this and distribute the information.

ILLEGAL BURN UPDATE by Jeff Bickford

There is a scheduled work session with the Board of Commissioners and their policy advisors, Byron Meadows, Jim Sears and the SWMAC Illegal Burning Subcommittee on April 25, 2006 from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the BOC Conference Room on 4th Floor of Courthouse Square. A report will be shared at the April SWMAC meeting on April 25, 2006.

BUDGET DISCUSSION – by Jeff Bickford

Jeff e-mailed a draft budget to all council members. The draft hasn't gone to the budget committee yet. Jeff said that the total gross budget went down a half percent from last year. Glenn asked how much of the budget comes from sources other than disposal fees from the solid waste industry. Jeff answered that for revenues, the tipping fees are the majority of it. The other key piece is electric revenue, in which we will get about \$4.7 million next year. The only general fund piece is about \$70,000, which funds Laura Pekarek, Code Enforcement.

MEMBERSHIP – Jeff Bickford

Last month, we talked about one applicant for a Citizen-at-large position. No other applications were received for the Citizen-at-large position since then. Bonnie Sullivan applied for the Business Industry/Construction Position. Jeff suggested that the Interview Subcommittee meet to hold interviews for the two who have applied. Jeff will e-mail the Interview Subcommittee to set up a time. The Interview Subcommittee consists of David Phelps, Michael Clark, and Thomas Smith. Glenis Chapin, the County Volunteer Coordinator, is working on recruiting applicants for the Community Organization position.

COUNCIL INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

- Thomas Smith announced that he only has three more meetings as Chair, at which time Nora will take over the Chair position, and a new Vice Chair will be needed.
- David Furr asked about items in the List Serv email and wondered how many SWMAC have signed up. Jeff said that seven have signed up, two of which are staff. David encouraged council members to sign up because it's a useful type of information exchange.
- Glenn suggested the council be careful of public meeting laws when exchanging information in the List Serv. Jeff said this typically wouldn't apply since the information is

being disbursed only; it's information sharing only. Jeff will send the e-mail again for those wishing to sign up.

- Nora announced the members absent -- Michael Clark and Bob Anderson. Mary Kanz left around 6:45pm.

STAFF UPDATES:

- Next Friday, the Semi-Annual Waste Matters Tabloid will be sent out in the Statesman Journal. For those who don't receive the Statesman Journal, it will be sent out in the mail.
- Environmental Services will be moving to the Public Works campus on Silverton Road in May.
- We had an abundance of finished, high quality compost at the Brown's Island Facility so we put it up for bid and Glenn's company, Wood Waste LLC dba Compost Oregon, bought 2000 cu. yards.
- The dates for the upcoming HHW Events are: Silverton - April 22 at the Fire Station from 8am to 3pm and April 29th at the Stayton Roth's parking lot from 8am to 3pm.
- Earth Day Fair at Oregon Gardens is April 22 and is free to the public.
- The Salem Public Market will be collecting flowerpots during the Earth Day Fair, also.
- There will also be a free PVC drop off event Brown's Island, Salem Transfer Station, and the North Marion Transfer Station.
- May 6 is the Compost Bin Truck Load Sale. There will be approximately seven locations.
- Recycling Grants – applications will be available April 1 and it closes the end of May. The applications are available on-line, also.
- If you are able to help at these events, please contact Bonnie McCullough at 503-588-5169, x 5920.

Q. What kind of plastic are the election signs made of?

A. Judy explained that they are probably polypropylene and most likely not PVC. Judy also said that they could be taken to Agri-Plas. Larry suggested a few uses for them, also.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Sharps Update 15 min
- Illegal Burning-Jeff 30-45 min
- Membership update 5 min

MEETING REVIEW:

- Great timing

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Larry moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Motion passes.