

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 26, 2005, 6:30 PM

Senator Hearing Room – Main Floor – Courthouse Square

555 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97301

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bevens, Michael Clark, David Furr, Russ Johnston, Mary Kanz, John Matthews, David Phelps, Susan Riches, Judy Skinner, Thomas Smith, Ellen Twist, Glenn Zimmerman, Joe Gordon

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Clark announced the excused members: Colleen Bromagem, Denny Nielsen, Nora Schliske, and Bob Anderson

PUBLIC SIGNED IN: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Bickford, Carol Ault

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION:	Russ Johnston moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.
DISCUSSION:	None
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
RESULTS:	Minute approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

COUNCIL INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENT/NEW BUSINESS

Russ Johnston handed out a copy of the Emissions Stack Test Report for Covanta. See Attach. #1.

Q. How come mercury was down in Unit 2 in 2005?

A. 79% is Removal Efficiency (RE). The less than (<) means you take three test runs on each unit for a period of time depending on what the emission is you are testing for. The (<) means you had results that were below the detection limit. If you have none, you can't remove it if it's not there, so the removal efficiency is down.

Q. What does lead mean?

A. It means the lead in the stack emissions.

There were questions on the equations and Russ explained that the clarifications chart was on the back of the handout. Russ explained the equations.

Ellen Twist asked to amend several things in the May Minutes. Ellen read a portion from Robert's Rules that applied to this request.

MOTION: Ellen Twist moved to clarify the two public input pieces of the May 24, 2005 meeting regarding: Ronda Foster's written public comment by adding: '*opposing more medical waste*'. Also, where it tells about Susan Koger reading her presentation on the 'topic',

change the word 'topic' to *in opposition to*. Also include an attachment of the Management Update Meeting of the BOC, which I read at that meeting. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None

Straw Poll:

Thomas Smith asked for a straw vote to see who was in favor of this motion. There were 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 didn't vote. Thomas asked those who didn't vote to share why.

Mary inquired if the Management Update copy was presented at the meeting to be an attachment to the minutes. Carol answered that a hard copy wasn't requested to be included with the minutes. Thomas mentioned that this is available to the public per a request of the BOC.

Thomas felt that the letter from R. Foster spoke for itself in that she was opposed to the raising of the cap. Also, the presentation from Susan Koger is all in the May minutes and the official taped record.

Michael felt that it isn't appropriate to go back to the May minutes to make the change because it wasn't available when the May minutes were prepared, but was available for the June minutes where there was a motion to include a copy of that email with the June minutes.

Ellen commented that she didn't understand the opposition to clarify something that is in existence, rather than require people to go and listen to the tape or to read an attachment. Thomas explained that the reason the attachment was included was so people would know word for word what R. Foster had sent or Susan Koger had said.

David Furr mentioned that he didn't vote either way because he felt it's not important since the attachments were included in the minutes.

Judy opposed because she doesn't have the minutes in front of her to refer to, and that asking the council to make a decision on something that happened in the past and seems to have been covered in the minutes, there's no check to accurately surmise what was said.

Larry mentioned that if there is a substantive change necessary, that is sufficient to make the change. However, he feels that Ellen should be given the opportunity to argue whether this is a substantive change that she is making.

Ellen explained that the reasoning for the suggested verbiage change was if the BOC skims over the minutes, this would give them an idea of what was said.

Joe suggested that if this is the case (the minutes are only skimmed), then to err on the side of caution, we should pay attention to the verbiage that's in the minutes. Thomas commented that we would end up in verbatim minutes again, if we weren't careful.

MOTION: Glenn Zimmerman moved to close discussion. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Ellen's motion was as follows: Ellen Twist moved to clarify the two public input pieces of the May 24, 2005 meeting regarding: Ronda Foster's written public comment by adding: '*opposing more medical waste*'. Also, where it tells about Susan Koger reading her presentation on the 'topic', change the word 'topic' to *in opposition to*. Also include an attachment of the Management Update Meeting of the BOC, which I read at that meeting. The motion was seconded.

In favor to accept Ellen's motion: FIVE (5)
Opposed to the motion: SEVEN (7)
Abstained: ONE (1)
RESULTS: MOTION FAILS

COUNCIL INPUT CONT.

Judy Skinner shared several samples of PVC. John explained that you could tell if a plastic is PVC by folding it in half and if the crease turns white, it's PVC. Judy also mentioned that the two Fred Meyer stores (South and East) are accepting nursery pots in the garden area for recycling.

John Matthews had several items to mention:

Sedcor is having a tour of a local winery and also to Agri Plas as an open house that the public is invited to. Judy thought this was by reservation only. The tour will be on Thursday, July 28.

A filming of "Your Garden" by Mike Darcy would be aired on Sunday, July 31 on Channel 2 on the program, In the Garden.

Bonnie McCullough needs volunteers to help at the BITE of Salem this weekend at the Riverfront Park. There are shifts available for both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

On next month's agenda we will have a representative from Northwest Polymers speak at the council meeting. This company is located in Molalla and has contracted with Marion County to handle the PVC waste at Brown's Island. John Matthews will call Carol with the name of the speaker.

Mary Kanz reported that there's been a problem with contamination of mixed recycling by finding soda pop bottles containing sharps and that one of the employees was stuck. Mary commented that the hauler's association has ways of knowing what area this contamination came from, and urgent notifications are sent out to all surrounding households and try to contact those people and explain the hazards of disposing sharps in that manner.

Mary added that the county has included ongoing education of the safe handling of sharps and suggested adding electronic media.

Judy mentioned that in Stayton when they are doing a park cleanup, they make sure everyone knows the proper procedure for handling a found syringe. Mary explained that most likely the sharps in the pop bottle that came across the conveyor belt were from a resident who may have been diabetic or someone taking vitamin B shots, and the sharps found on the ground most likely are from drug users who could care less of the proper disposal.

Susie Riches suggested reminding medical establishments who know their patients are using the sharps know the proper disposal of them so they can relay that on to their patients. Joe agreed with Susie.

Mary mentioned that the county has done massive educating on the proper disposal of sharps. Mary also explained that the individual sharp user can get a sharps disposal container from their hauler and it's a very minimal charge.

BUDGET Q & A – Jeff Bickford

Q. Ellen asked where the tonnage of infectious medical waste could appear on this budget so it's real isolated and no one can fault us?

A. Jeff answered that it wouldn't show where the budget committee would see it. It's actually accounted for separately.

Jeff mentioned that over the past fiscal year approximately \$69,000 went into the out-of-county medical waste account. The expenditures out of that was \$120,600. Leaving a negative balance of approximately \$50,000. Current balance for the end of the fiscal year was about \$497,000. About \$90,000 of that goes for the Salem-Keizer Educator.

Q. If the proposal for the medical waste increase goes through, how much of this will help in draining what we have now?

A. It all depends on how many show up and ask us to accept their medical waste. There was approximately 650 tons of out-of-county medical waste last year. There were two companies that approached us a year or so ago, and based upon what was happening here, they basically lost interest. Both companies were in Washington.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Thomas noted that Outstanding Issues List has been changed to **Ongoing Items List**. Carol will change this on the agenda.

Ellen Twist suggested adding “backyard burning” to the Ongoing Items List.

Mary Kanz suggested that the council members let Carol know what topics they would be interested in working on. Carol will email the list to all council members and then they can email back to Carol which topics they wish to work on. Carol will type up this list and bring the information to the next meeting.

STAFF UPDATES: by Jeff Bickford

Jeff mentioned that he had a great vacation.

1. The HHW Facility is averaging 40-45 customers per scheduled day. This will be promoted more once school starts. The first shipment of hazardous waste went out about a week ago. This was about 2 ½ or 3 months worth and approximately 80 drums were shipped. 53 of them contained pesticides, poisons, etc. 12 drums contained fuels, kerosene, gasoline, etc. 9 drums contained aerosols, 5 drums contained acids, 4 drums of bases. Oil based paints are being placed into a drop box and taken directly to the WTEF. The fuels are typically hauled to a cement kiln energy recovery.

The first satellite events will be held this fall:

September 24, 8am-3pm in Woodburn Wal Mart parking lot.

October 8 in Monmouth/Independence

October 15 in McMinnville

October 16 in Newberg

Q. Will the county be able to use the stats of the materials that are reused/recovered/recycled or burnt for energy from hazardous waste?

A. Yes. That will be included in the recovery rates for next year.

Q. Will they need volunteers for these events?

A. Yes they will. Bonnie McCullough will be asking.

Q. Is there going to be an emphasis on PVC at these events?

A. No. It’s only for the hazardous materials normally brought to the HHW Facility.

2. Email contact is being set up for anyone wanting to send emails can send them to the SWMAC@co.marion.or.us. The email isn’t ready yet, but Carol will let everyone know when it’s ready for use.

3. It was suggested that the Master Recycler material be made available to those new members who cannot attend the Master Recycler Class. Jeff mentioned that those wishing this material should contact Bonnie McCullough at 503-588-5169, ext. 5920 by November.

4. Nora Schliske has been appointed by the BOC to serve as Vice Chair of the SWMAC.
 - Q. Does the Chair need to be appointed by the BOC or does the Vice Chair automatically become Chair?
 - A. Jeff will check on this.
5. Jeff checked with Glenis on the subject of members being required to live in Marion County. The positions created by the BOC are discretionary and they have the right to appoint or not.
6. There was some minor wording changes in the Bylaws by the Legal Department. The council agreed that it's okay to move this to the BOC for approval.
7. Medical Waste synopsis is being put together and will be available for viewing by the subcommittee before it goes to the BOC. This synopsis will be done within the next few weeks.
 - Q. Were there any grants awarded this year?
 - A. There are a couple in progress and Jeff will report at the next meeting who they are.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting: August 23, 2005

- * John Matthew's guest speaker (John will email Carol with the name) 30 min
- * Salem/Keizer Educator 30 min
- * Results of Ongoing Items List 30 min

David Furr shared that his experience of volunteering at the Salem Art Fair was great and he received a lot of good comments on how impressed they were.

Leslie Stafford came in as public for the SWMAC meeting.

MEETING REVIEW

Jeff gave a lot of good information

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Michael Clark moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded.
 Discussion: None
 Abstentions: None
 Dissensions: None
 Results: Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

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(Proofreading done by Jeff Bickford, Thomas Smith and Carol Ault)