

MARION COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

January 23, 2018  
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner Conference Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT:     **Members:** Bob Anderson, Joe Fowler, Darby Randklev, Chris Ream, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Will Posegate, David Lear  
                  **Staff:** Brian May, Bailey Payne, Jolene Kelley, Commissioner Carlson  
                  **Public:** April Murazzo, Wayne Thomas, Matt Marler, Julie Jackson

ABSENT:     Keith Bondaug-Winn, Rich Dysinger, Brian Sund

**Consent**

MOTION:     Bob Anderson moved to approve the November 2017 minutes.

DISCUSSION: In the "Agenda Review" section, it was asked that the word "committee" be changed to "council."

RESULTS:    Bob Anderson moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Chris Ream seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Minutes approved with corrections.

**Administrative (Information/Action)**

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AGENDA REVIEW: Bailey and Brian changed the order of their presentations. Bailey presented on the Marion County 2016 Recovery Rate and Brian followed with a presentation on the Marion Resource Recovery Facility (MRRF) Franchise Agreement Renewal.

**Nomination Committee Report**

Bonnie reported that the Nomination Committee met due to procedural errors in the interview of David Lear. The committee decided to bring again to the Council the recommendation to elect David Lear as a Collection Industry Member on the Council. The committee also addressed the issue of Chris Ream no longer being able to be the Community Organization Member. The matter was presented to the Board of Commissioners, and they approved Chris Ream's position be changed to Citizen-at-Large.

Bonnie moved to make David Lear the Collection Industry Member on the Council. The motion was seconded by Bob Anderson. A voice vote was unanimous.

Bonnie moved to have Chris Ream's position changed from Community Organization to Citizen-at-Large. The motion was seconded by Bob Anderson. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **Budget Subcommittee Report**

Brian explained that on a semi-annual basis, the Budget Subcommittee meets with Marion County Environmental Services staff and evaluates their financial situation. He gave a brief update on the financial situation of Marion County Environmental Services, changes made to operations and contracts to boost revenue, and contract negotiations with Covanta. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

### **Marion County 2016 Recovery Rate**

Bailey presented the DEQ report, specifically the data relevant to Marion County. He explained the way the data is compiled and what is counted and not counted. The report shows that the recovery rate is down from 2015 and waste generation is on an upward trend. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

### **MRRF Franchise Agreement Renewal**

Brian presented the Council with the current contract and proposed amendments to it. He explained that it will be a 20-year fixed contract. The proposed amendments change some of the language in the contract to allow for more materials into the MRRF in the hopes of boosting the recovery rate. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

### **Group Activity**

Council, staff, and public attendants were split into three groups and given a set of questions to discuss. Each group reported back with ideas on education, outreach, and various programs to boost recovery and waste reduction. Ideas included:

- Creating a spot on the website dedicated to education on the MRRF and what it does
- Installing cameras in the haulers' trucks and charging customers for contamination
- Restructuring rates to charge more for different kinds of waste
- MRRF tours and possibly creating a viewing area at the MRRF
- Increased marketing efforts
- Finding ways to pull out of the garbage and reuse things like wood, mattresses, and carpet
- A video presentation on the entire solid waste process

### **FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS (Information/Discussion):**

Announcements: Judy shared two items that she found at Garten. One was a boxed water product, the other a packaging product made out of a paper like material. Neither product is recyclable.

Other Business: Brian informed the Council of a new business coming to Marion County that recovers old sheetrock and turns it into a new agricultural product. He said he would attempt to get the owner to come in and present.

Staff Updates: Brian and Bailey announced a staff change at Public Works. Tracy Stewart, the current SWMAC administrative assistant is leaving and Stephanie Pulvers will be replacing her.

Upcoming Events:

- Marion County Environmental Services is hosting an EarthWISE Luncheon at Broadway Commons on February 20, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Lunch will cost \$7.50.
- Garten Services is having a fundraiser lunch on February 23, 2018 at 12:00 pm, also at Broadway Commons

- The Board of Commissioners is delivering their State of the County address on February 14, 2018, also at Broadway Commons. They will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marion County.

Future Agenda Topics:

- Bylaw review
- Handbook review
- DEQ Waste Composition Study, DEQ presentation
- Ethics trainings (emails, conversations, separate meetings outside of council)
- Mentor Program for new members to the Council
- Canceling/moving the March 2018 meeting, due to Spring Break

Membership/Attendance:

Julie Jackson attended her second meeting after turning in her application. The Nomination Committee will convene to discuss her appointment to the Council.

Wayne submitted an application. It was his first time attending a meeting.

Meeting Review: None.

Motion to close the meeting: Bob Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Will Posegate seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm