

**MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

October 27, 2015

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Senator Hearing Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Bob Anderson, Bill Brauer, Jeanne Collins, Peter Grell, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Shelly Paddock, Darby Randklev, Judy Skinner, Thomas Smith, Bonnie Sullivan,

Members Absent: Brian May, Brian Sund

Public Signed in: Matt Marler

Staff Present: Jeff Bickford

BOC Liaison: Janet Carlson

BOC: Sam Brentano, Kevin Cameron

MOTION: Todd moved to approve the September 2015 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Thomas.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/ Actions):

- Commissioner Carlson provided the council with several handouts ("Discussion Questions for SWMAC Meeting", "Potential Third Burner at WTEF Covanta Contract Implications", and "2015-2016 Solid Waste Issue For Marion County").
- Commissioner Brentano would like to have everybody ready to go if the big question comes up on whether Metro decides to work out an agreement for disposal with Covanta, so that we are ready to go and move through it very quickly.
- The South Salem Senior Center craft fair will be held Nov. 13 and 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Judy attended the repair fair at Chemeketa, and it went well.

MC WASTE PROJECTIONS/FACILITY NEEDS PRESENTATION:

- Doug complemented Marion County's solid waste system.
- He noted that the waste stream has gone down a bit, mainly due to the economy, but also due to higher recycling.
- Population growth projections show that in the next 10 years there will be a significant amount of additional waste that will have to be managed somehow, either by sending to an out-of-county landfill, through expansion of the WTEF, or potentially through the expansion of the MRF facilities in the county to accommodate commercial mixed waste.
- The potential use of anaerobic digestion for processing organics was discussed, but Commissioner Brentano mentioned that this is not an option he is very interested in.

- Commissioner Cameron asked Doug if he would be willing to put together a summary of the slides presented and share it on a segment of the Commissioners program on CCTV. Doug gladly accepted.

Note: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request

NEXT STEPS:

- Metro will be holding a public hearing November 17th on whether to contract with Covanta for WTE disposal.
- It would be helpful to show the environmental benefit of having Metro's waste come to Covanta.
- Commissioner Carlson asked the council whether they would want to put together a game plan for when things begin to solidify.
- The question was asked about the proposals submitted for the potential reuse of ash. There were 3 ash reuse RFP's submitted, but they have not been released for review yet.
- It was discussed that it would be helpful to get out ahead of the public relations aspect regarding the possible WTE expansion. It was suggested to come up with a PowerPoint presentation to make people understand that this is a crucial point for Marion County.

FUTURE TOPICS/ EMERGING ISSUES / OTHER BUSINESS:

- The SWMAC holiday party will be held December 1st from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Salem Transitional Care facility on Boone Rd. SE. The chef would like to put together a special menu.
- Jeanne talked about food waste. She mentioned that 40% of food produced is wasted. Increasing people's awareness is important as well as getting them to go out and increase other people's awareness.
- There were 300+ entries for the Art Calendar contest. Art calendar presentation will be held December 16th.
- Leaf haul will be held December 5th – the new drop off location for South Salem will be Brown's Island.
- Jeff will be out for 3 weeks (returning the week of November 23th).
- The contractor covering the Silverton Hazardous collection event did not show up, so the event was canceled.
- Very good meeting.
- Brian May and Brian Sund were absent, but had notified staff.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 p.m.

If anyone would like to come to the office to listen to the recorded version of the minutes, please call 503-588-5169 to schedule a time.