

**MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

August 25, 2015

6:00-8:30 pm

Senator Hearing Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Bob Anderson, Bill Brauer, Peter Grell, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Brian May, Shelly Paddock, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund

Members Absent: Jeanne Collins, Darby Randklev, Thomas Smith

Public Signed in: None

Staff Present: Jeff Bickford, Dennis Mansfield

BOC Liaison: Janet Carlson

MOTION: Bill moved to approve the July 2015 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Bob.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Motioned passed.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

COUNCIL INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill and Jeff are presenting the Bylaw changes to the BOC Wednesday, August 26th.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ES BUDGET REVENUES:

- There was discussion about the suggestion from the July meeting that the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) be delayed until after DEQ has performed their new waste composition study. It was noted that there was little overall effect on the ten-year budget by postponing the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Discussion was held regarding the comparison of tipping fees between MC facilities and other counties nearby. A \$20 increase would bring the tipping fee to \$87.45 per ton at the Waste Energy Facility. It was noted that Metro's tipping fee is set at \$97 per ton.
- The question was asked as to whether the minimum charge would remain the same. It was stated that the change should only affect the tonnage rate and not the minimum transaction charge.
- Discussion was held regarding the impact the rate increase would have on residential collection rates. It was mentioned that the last time rate changes were discussed, it was roughly estimated by the haulers that a \$10 increase in the disposal rate would equate to about a 55 cent per month increase for a residential customer with a 20 gallon can. So, that would mean for a \$20 increase that you might expect about a \$1.10 to \$1.25 increase per month. Todd mentioned that the haulers will take a closer look at the price impact to customers to get a more accurate estimate.
- There was discussion regarding infectious waste limits and rates. It was mentioned that the national average for infectious waste disposal is over \$400 per ton, and Marion County is currently charging \$300 per ton. It was suggested that the rate could be raised to \$400. It was also suggested

that the limit on out-of-county infectious waste could be raised from 1,500 tons per year to allow for additional revenue.

- Discussion was held regarding the acceptance of blue box waste. Darby had brought up at a previous meeting that Covanta had been approached by Stericycle with a proposal to bring this material to the WTEF. Blue box waste tends to have pharmaceuticals and other less infectious waste materials in it, items that are not controlled at the same level as the red bag/infectious waste materials. Covanta was told that they would have over 5,000 tons of this material per year to dispose. They would be charged at the infectious waste price if it were accepted. Accepting this waste would have the potential to raise revenue by approximately \$1 million for both the county and Covanta. It was felt that this might be a good option.
- The Council members discussed whether to form a subcommittee to put together what might ultimately be proposed to the BOC.
- Bob recounted a list of the options which the council had discussed during the meeting:
 1. Raising the waste tipping fee at the WTEF and transfer stations
 2. Increasing the charge for out-of-county infectious waste from \$300 to \$400 per ton
 3. Increasing the potential allowable amount of out-of-county infectious waste
 4. Increasing the charge for in-county infectious waste
 5. Accepting blue box medical waste
 6. Increasing the rate at Browns Island

MOTION: Bob moved to form a subcommittee to develop the proposal being presented to the BOC. Motion was seconded by Joe.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Motioned passed.

- Bob Anderson, Bonnie Sullivan, Todd Irvine, Brian May, and Shelly Paddock are all taking part in the Budget Subcommittee. It was suggested that Darby should also be on the subcommittee.
- Move topic to next month's meeting

SWMAC WORK TOPIC – FOOD WASTE RECOVERY:

MOTION: Shelly moved request that the Food Waste Recovery topic be moved to September's meeting. Motion was seconded by Bob.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Motioned passed.

STAFF UPDATES:

- Bylaws change going to the BOC tomorrow morning (8/26).
- Household hazardous waste collection event will be held Saturday, September 26th in Silverton. Shelly volunteered to help out at the event.
- Master Recycler Class starts Thursday, September 10th.

MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

- Darby Randklev was absent, but notified staff.
- Jeanne Collins was absent, but notified staff.
- Thomas Smith was absent, but notified staff.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA:

- Budget Subcommittee Review
- Food Waste Recovery
- Holiday Dinner

MEETING REVIEW:

Everyone had very good input.

MOTION: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Judy.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Motion passed.

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