

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

April 23, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner Conference Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Tim Rice, Julie Jackson, April Murazzo, Joe Fowler, Kevin Hines, Keith Bondaug-Winn
Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Rosentrater, Commissioner Brentano,

ABSENT: Brian Sund, Will Posegate, Chris Ream, Scott Anderson

CONSENT

MOTION: Julie moved to approve the February 2019 minutes.

DISCUSSION: The minutes state that Bob Anderson was present, which he was not. The minutes also state that Judy wanted changes to the Recycle Guide presented to the Council, which is inaccurate. Judy wanted to clarify that she was asking that changes to the curbside collection program be communicated to the Council.

RESULTS: Kevin seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Minutes approved pending corrections listed above.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: Judy asked to have a discussion about supporting the Right to Repair act.

CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS (Action):

Keith handed the meeting over to Bonnie, the Chair of the Nomination Subcommittee. The Bylaws state the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair after one year and nominations open up for the position of Vice-Chair. Keith accepted the nomination to be promoted to chair. Council did not recommend that anyone else be considered instead. Bonnie motioned to promote Keith Bondaug-Winn from Vice-Chair of SWMAC to Chair. April Seconded. A voice vote was unanimous.

Joe nominated April Murazzo for the position of Vice-Chair. April accepted the nomination. Joe motioned to elect April as Vice-Chair of the SWMAC. Kevin seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Staff will deliver the recommendation to elect April Murazzo as the SWMAC Vice-Chair and Keith Bondaug-Winn as the SWMAC Chair to the Board of Commissioners.

Budget Subcommittee Report

Brian explained that the FY19/20 budget wasn't presented to the Budget Subcommittee because of the contract negotiations with Covanta. When the contract is finalized, the budget will certainly change. The subcommittee instead went over Environmental Service's current financial status. A year-over-year comparison shows that electrical revenue decreased by 34% due to Covanta's generator failure. Metal revenue is based on price of metal and the quantity recovered. The amount of material going into Covanta is down, and price of metal is down slightly. This results in a decrease in revenue from metal. Brian explained that the net working capital is the ending fund balance from the previous year.

Personnel expenses are up, but revenue from services provided to other divisions is also up. Environmental Services has added some new positions and shifted funding around for others. Capital outlay appeared to increase 12,086% but this was due to issues in the contract and therefore an altered timeline for the North Marion concrete floor repair project. Contract expenses for transportation and disposal at North Marion and SKRTS increased. Leachate expenses are up because staff is attempting to drain the pond at North Marion to reduce the liability. For battery recycling, batteries are collected and then Garten sorts them appropriately for shipping. There was a shipment that was scheduled to go out in FY17-18, but didn't get sent out until FY18-19, causing it to look like a large rise in expense. "Other contracted services" covers many different expenses that are too small and there are too many of to break out individually. DEQ fees are decreasing, even though tonnage is increasing at the transfer stations. The transfer stations don't get charged because they're not considered final disposal locations, Covanta and Brown's Island are. Advertising spending decreased due to a contract authority issue. The debt is a loan from the roads fund that they took to purchase metal recovery equipment. They're thinking about paying the loan off since the fund is doing well. The ending fund balance split into restricted and unrestricted due to post-closure reserves. Brian then briefly compared the budget to the projection for FY18-19.

2025 Recovery Rate Goal Overview

Staff presented the draft recovery rates for 2017 to Council in November, but they have since been adjusted by the DEQ. With the adjustments, Marion County's recovery rate went down a little bit, but also made it so that they have the second highest recovery rate in the state. The 2025 recovery rate goal is 64% and Marion County is currently at 48.8%.

The group asked for an update from Will on Garten's recovery rates at a future meeting.

To hit 64%, Marion County needs to recover 80,000 more tons per year from the waste stream. For reference, the entire county's curbside commingle recycling carts make up about 25,000 tons. The goal won't be met without a major cultural change.

How Do We Meet the 2025 Recovery Goal?

Activity: The Council was split up into 3 groups and asked to brainstorm ways to meet this goal. See the attached sheet for what each group discussed.

Discussion: The group shared their ideas and then went through and categorized them. See the attached sheet for categories. After tonight's meeting, staff will type up the lists that each group came up with and the categories each item fell into. At the next meeting, the Council will discuss next steps and subcommittee structure, based off of these themes and ideas.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Bonnie wanted to propose the idea of a Master Recycler Art Fair. She said she would talk to Jessica Ramey about it.

Judy made a motion that the Council recommends supporting the Right to Repair act to the Board of Commissioners. Keith asked some clarifying questions about the bill. The motion was not seconded.

AOR is hosting a tour of Salem-area facilities. Stephanie will send the information out to the Council.

Other Business:

None.

Staff Updates:

Brian presented an award that Environmental Services won for recycling over 10,000 pounds of batteries in 2018.

Future Agenda Topics:

The next meeting will be held at the Marion Resource Recovery Facility in Brooks.

Membership/Attendance:

Brian, Scott, and Chris informed staff of their absence from this meeting. Will did not.

Meeting Review:

April likes the small group activities. She thinks that it helps with discussions and learning about different ideas. She hopes that we do more in the future.

Motion to close the meeting:

Bonnie motioned to adjourn the meeting. April Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.