

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Marion County**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 28, 2021  
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm  
Logistics: Attendance 'in person' or via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Joe Fowler  
Members via Zoom: Brian Sund, Bonnie Sullivan, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Kaleigh Westermann-Lewis, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Kyle Elwood, Ryan Zink, Tim Rice, Will Posegate

**Staff:** Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi (online), Pattie Phillips, Brian Nicholas

**Guests** present via Zoom: Carroll Johnston, Cat Rhoades from DEQ, Sanne Stienstra from DEQ, Sara Duncan (MRRF)

**ABSENT:** Matt Marler, Kevin Hines, Kurt Tackman

**QUORUM:** Yes

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)**

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Bonnie read the Mission Statement: To develop, review and recommend to the Board of Commissioners an integrated waste management system, which is financially feasible, and protects the public health and environment of Marion County.

**Member and Staff Introductions: Done**

**Approval of August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Julie moved to approve minutes as corrected.

**Discussion:** Minutes corrections: Carroll Johnston's name is spelled wrong. Eliminate the word 'not' in front of master recyclers. Kyle Elwood was at the meeting.

Judy commented that there was a line in the Iron Man section talking about how large events require a solid waste plan.

Julie Jackson suggested that we call for corrections to the minutes before calling for vote.

**Results:** A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

**Agenda Review:**

- Reverse Meeting Review with Meeting Attendance
- Add – Budget Subcommittee
- Add – Next Meeting
- Add – Staff Updates with Brian May, Rachel VanWoert, and Dakota Tangredi

**Public Input:** None

### **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Bill Update**

**Speakers: Sanne Stienstra and Cat Rhoades from DEQ**

Sanne Stienstra presented “Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act. Modernization Act 2021 (Senate Bill 582)” by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Materials Management Program, September 2021. The presentation broke down the plan to modernize Oregon's recycling efforts with projected dates and expectations.

Information provided by Sanne was the link to the DEQ site with info related to presentation: [ordeq.org/sb582](http://ordeq.org/sb582) and contact information. Sanne Stienstra at [sanne.stienstra@deq.state.or.us](mailto:sanne.stienstra@deq.state.or.us) and Cat Rhoades at [Cathie.Rhoades@DEQ.state.or.us](mailto:Cathie.Rhoades@DEQ.state.or.us)

There was a variety of questions after the presentation. The details will be worked out in the in the next four years.

### **Subcommittee Update**

#### **Bylaws**

The Bylaws Subcommittee met on September 22, 2021 and went through the handbook and part way through the bylaws. The next meeting is October 12, 2021 at 10-11:30.

#### **Unsheltered**

Ryan said that the Unsheltered Subcommittee has been discussing the playbook.

#### **Budget**

Brian May said that it was time for the Budget Subcommittee to meet again and asked if anyone wanted to join.

### **Materials Management (New)**

Bonnie suggested a new program called Materials Management, where council members would bring discussion about something that they have been doing or seeing outside of SWMAC and wanted to share. She brought up Brian Sund’s talk of the Ironman Triathlon and the waste management issues that he witnessed the previous summer. Bonnie wants everyone to give a meeting report that could be members at large, business/industry and solid

waste system council members. It was suggested that staff figure out a schedule with alternating the different membership groups.

Kaileigh said that she thought that the proposal also had the aspect of it being a projects-based idea. She understood that council members would be bringing back ideas to the council as suggestions for future projects.

Brian Sund did not feel that he would have anything to add or share about the Ironman Triathlon until January 2022, but Kaileigh said that setting up policy takes time. She wondered if SWMAC could draft something to help the parks department in the City of Salem be able to respond accordingly to such a large event.

Ryan Zink suggested that Brian Sund reach out to him offline and he would help Brian connect with city parks.

Bonnie asked for volunteers for the next month's presentation. Sara Duncan, the recycling coordinator for the MRFF volunteered. Bonnie stated that this would need to be worked out with Kevin Hines, the MRRF representative for the council.

#### **Vice-chair nomination (action)**

Bonnie asked for nominations for Vice-chair. She nominated Brian Sund. There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Bonnie nominated Brian Sund. Joe Fowler seconded.

**Discussion:** None

**Results:** A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

### **FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Staff Updates**

##### **Dakota**

The beta course for the new Master Recycler class is beginning on October 18. The beta group will have five members including two outside individuals, a couple of public works staff, and Sara Duncan (MRRF). There will be no field trips due to COVID, but Dakota has speakers lined up who will be presenting via Zoom. The course will last five weeks and he is hoping for good feedback. He has contracted with John Yoder from Salem Environmental Education to look at the curriculum and lesson plans/teaching guides.

## **Rachel**

Rachel is waiting for the Spanish language translation of the Earthwise Materials Management Grant. She will open up the submission of grant applications for the following week. Rachel discussed the levels of fund disbursement, and expectations of the grants.

**Brian** is working on providing a dashboard for an overall picture of Covanta's flow and capacity. The dashboard is intended as a visual information source for the council and does not necessarily need to be discussed. His goal is to present the dashboard next month.

Brian thanked Kaileigh for all of her time, help, and participation.

## **Council Member announcements/updates**

During the discussion time of approving the August 24, 2021 minutes, Judy commented that there was a line in the Iron Man section that talked about how large events require a solid waste plan and wanted to know who had stated that. Bonnie stated that during Council Member announcements this would be discussed. At that time Joe said he was the one that made the comment and clarified it by saying that he knows that Oregon has statues (433) and rules that pertain to mass gatherings. It would give council members an idea of what group size makes a mass gathering and how it might relate to Ironman Triathlon or other events.

Dakota wanted to thank Will and Garten Services for the shred event.

## **Meeting Attendance**

Kevin Hines, Matt Marler, and Kurt Tackman are absent.

## **Meeting Review**

Bonnie was thankful for the presentation by DEQ.

Ryan said that Bonnie is doing a great job as chair. Brian Sund agreed.

**Motion:** Joe moves to adjourn, Brian Sund seconds.

**Discussion:** None

**Results:** Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 26, 5:30-7:30pm