

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2022
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Attendance 'in person' or via Zoom

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan
Members via Zoom: Brian Sund, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Ryan Zink, Tim Rice, Will Posegate, Kyle Elwood, Kevin Hines

Staff: Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi

Guests present via Zoom: Travis Cornwell (Covanta)

ABSENT: Joe Fowler

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

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

Member and Staff Introductions: Done

Approval of February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Will moved to approve minutes; Ryan seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Public Input: None

Goal Planning

Rachel explained that the SWMAC would be reviewing the goals, in reference to SMART goals, as one group instead of splitting into the smaller groups

C&D: (Tom, Bonnie, Joe, Kevin, and Will)

The initial goal for C&D is the creation of resources and best practices for the construction industry in Marion County with the goal of supporting recovery rates.

The C&D group stated that various organizations (Construction Associations, Waste Reduction, Haulers, etc.) would need to be involved and they would measure progress by

utilizing tools and guidelines by companies, adopt the best practices by jurisdictions and direct impact to recovery numbers. Tom stated that the C&D group would like to develop a subcommittee for C&D and the subcommittee can connect the industry and its leaders.

Ryan asked what percentage of our total annual waste stream comes from C&D; Tom stated staff would look into that answer and follow up. Kevin stated that the MRRF takes in 140/150 tons every year.

Bonnie mentioned locations that contractors can take their waste to be recycled or reused as many aren't aware that they are able to do so.

Ryan asked if there were any incentives for contractors to take that extra step with their waste and what incentives they would be interested in. Rachel stated that a C&D goal should be looking into the incentives for C&D organizations in Marion County for reduction in waste generation. Will recommended having a social media campaign built into this goal.

Judy requested more detail on what is coming into the MRRF and the price points for depositing of waste. Kevin stated that the MRRF takes in about 100 tons from SKRTS/North Marion and another 40/50 tons from the haulers; ~20% of that is recovered which will hopefully increase to ~30/35% when they finish their upgrade.

Multifamily: (Brian S., Julie, Kyle and Judy)

Their initial goal would be review existing programs, identify barriers and develop new programs and incentives to facilitate multifamily recycling in Marion County. The groups that they would like to include on this goal would be property managers, waste reduction haulers and MRRFS, housing authorities, planning boards, potential auditors, along with bilingual and non-English speaking communities.

Dakota stated they would measure process by utilizing of tools/guidelines by property management, incentives for property managers, 40% participation or better in targeted complexes and direct impact to recovery numbers. He recommended multifamily becoming a subcommittee within the SWMAC. The timeline for the goal of implementing policy recommendations or support, at least a 24-month period, which would allow for a solid foundation and project.

Ryan asked if there was a community or model that has been working; Dakota stated that the AOR had some great outcomes, and he would share the partnership study Lane County just completed with them.

Julie suggested coordinating with the property managers that are onsite and able to communicate directly with the multifamily housing.

Unsheltered: (Keith, Ryan, Travis and Tim)

Their initial goal was to explore partnerships, programs and incentives to reduce waste related to unsheltered populations.

Waste reduction policies/programs, education to city councils/chambers, trauma informed care lens with waste, bilingual communities and staying proactive with program and with partnerships are elements of this goal. A measure of progress would be seeing how many engagements can be made in a year timeline; the timeline for the goal is a 24-month period.

Commissioner Willis mentioned having a program that incentivizes the clean-up of waste, for example there aren't many cans and bottles left around because they have monetary value for being picked up and turned in; Dakota stated there is a great program that a non-profit called Trash for Peace is doing in Portland that is exactly what Commissioner Willis mentioned. Ryan also stated the City of Salem did a program called Cash for Trash where specific bags were handed out and when they were turned back in, filled with trash, various gift cards were given out.

Judy asked how we are going to measure a reduction in waste from unsheltered individuals; Rachel stated that should be looked into.

Material Management Report

Ryan shared that he is involved with material management as he works for the City of Salem as their franchise administrator.

Ryan is working on unsheltered waste as he is on the Unsheltered subcommittee for the SWMAC and continuing to educate the City of Salem's elected officials and staff.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Updates

Brian shared that since May 2021, 405 loads of unsheltered waste has come into Covanta, which is 728.89 tons. Marion County has some waste going towards JUNO and they should have preliminary numbers coming soon. Brian shared that Tim Rice is not pursuing his reappointment and thanked him for him for his service.

Council Member announcements/updates

Bonnie stated her attendance at the State of the County and thanked Commissioner Willis for their presentations.

Judy asked about the Recycle Art Calendar; Kevin commented there hasn't been a decision made whether or not they will continue with it.

Will shared that Garten's recycling center is changing their hours to 7am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Meeting Attendance

Joe was absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie thanked everyone for their input and comments during the meeting.

Will stated he was looking forward to the future presentations.

Motion: Ryan moves to adjourn, Will seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

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