

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Marion County**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 24, 2022  
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm  
Logistics: Marion Resource Recovery Facility: Attendance in-person

**PRESENT:** Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Ryan Zink, Kyle Elwood, Kevin Hines, Joe Fowler

**Staff:** Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi, Natalie Tomaszewski

**Guests present:** None

**ABSENT:** Will Posegate

**QUORUM:** Yes

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

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 6:11pm.

**Member and Staff Introductions:** Done

**Approval of April 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

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

**Public Input:** None

**New Member Update:**

Management Update set for June 7<sup>th</sup> for appointing Travis along with reappointing Bonnie for Chair and Brian Sund for Vice-Chair.

**Coffin Butte Landfill:**

Working with Benton County and 3<sup>rd</sup> party (Consensus Oregon) to get feedback from the community and waiting to reapply for a conditional use permit and incorporate public feedback into application.

Judy asked about what could be taken there; Julie stated that there was large concern about waste coming from outside counties. Coffin Butte was stated to be a regional landfill in the past; Julie stated there is a learning curve to educate people about it being a regional landfill. The regional landfill is a good system for the area, and they work well as it keeps waste from having to travel so far. Future steps are hearing from public input. Brian asked about the media coverage about not very much space being available at Coffin Butte; Julie stated there is currently about 3.5 years left in the current cell. Within the next two years, the next cell needs to be established where that waste is going to go, and they have an area set up as the quarry that Knife River works out of. The quarry isn't ready yet, they are about 2-3 years out from being done there. The quarry has about fifteen years left for the waste, meaning Coffin Butte has about nineteen years left combined. Brian stated Marion County relies heavily on Coffin Butte for managing their waste and Julie stated Marion County is the biggest influx of waste.

Julie stated she used very broad numbers when discussing the landfill because there are many factors that play into the life expectancy of it.

Ryan asked about the resistance they are getting and if they provided any other options; Julie shared that the percent of Benton County waste going into the landfill is about 12%. Julie said some said flat out close the landfill and others said they should only accept Benton County waste.

Joe asked why they denied their application for the conditional use permit; Julie stated that it was primarily due to the impact the landfill has on surrounding homes. Julie wouldn't be surprised if the application was denied again as this is a long-haul effort.

Wildlife biologist out investigating for months and months. Julie stated there were some wildlife issues and they have great solutions for all issues though. Judy stated she thought there was a road issue; Julie stated they weren't connected. Julie stated if anyone had any questions, they could reach out to her.

**Materials Management Update:**

Joe shared his involvement and background with Materials Management with the Advisory Council.

### **Implementation of C&D Goal:**

Rachel stated they wanted to look at how they bring C&D goal into Marion County as a whole.

BRING planet improvement center has a store where people can purchase things and they are the largest distributor of Metro paint outside of Metro. BRING, working with Lane County and the City of Eugene, work with contractors for their scope of work project. Waste reduction audit project with contractors. Working with contractors directly to reduce the waste they were taking to the landfill. Their goal was to get more material headed to their MRRF in Lane County instead of the landfill. After the pilot program with City of Eugene and Lane County, they updated their scope of work to reflect that. They work with contractors to find sources of C&D waste to be taken. Marion County staff has been working with the Lane County team on their scope of work. Staff needs help on 1.3 (contact local agencies and organizations that support the constructions) who they should be contacting, who they should be directing them to within Marion County. BRING has toured some of Marion County's waste facilities and have gotten a feel for their system and now they need a feel for the community. Education side or going to the Board for recommendation.

Joe asked what sources they have developed; organizations that take concrete, artists that take metal, art installations on site, stores and manufacturers that will take those resources.

Ryan asked about source separated construction site. Tom stated this project is in action right now in Eugene. How likely is it that we have an incentive for the organizations? This project has been going on since November of 2018 with BRING and Eugene. CMRR (Construction Materials Recovery & Reuse) project has no fee for the builder, and they get a reduction in their tipping fee because they aren't taking as much waste to the landfill. The benefit to the contractors is a lower waste cost. Ryan asked if there was a list of companies that are participating so the Council could get an idea of what type of companies could participate in Marion County.

Julie asked how the program is funded after the pilot is over; Tom stated they are trying to figure out that cost currently. Potential for another BRING location in Marion County. Julie asked how that impact Habitat for Humanity in the area would; Tom stated they tend to have different types of donations (BRING and Habitat).

Tom stated that between June 2017-December 2020 300 tons were recovered through CMRR and that Lane County has seen an increase in their recovery rate from the project; Tom will send out the report from BRING to the Council.

## FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

### Staff Updates:

**Brian May** gave the Council an update on the ES Update and the Franchise agreement between SKRTS. There are some upgrades and improvements within the transfer stations, North Marion and SKRTS. A large chunk of the capital outlay is the land purchase and design phase for the new transfer station. Other large ticket items include new equipment for the transfer stations.

Covanta contract is structured differently so the revenue sharing has changed. The new contract has Marion County paying Covanta a set amount per ton, making the contract a lot cleaner.

Brian May stated they figured out some potential locations for the new transfer station in the Valley. Brian May also mentioned that there were discussions on a transfer station within the canyon area with the ability to assist the haulers who serve the canyon area and then dump their waste in the valley.

Kent County Michigan example that was used by Brian May. Judy asked about Household Hazardous Waste and potentially moving that; Brian May stated that would be future planning.

Ryan is thinking about the public process with Coffin Butte. What's the thought on the public process on letting the public know of the new transfer station? Brian May stated they did a trial, the rebranding of the Master Recyclers, with their current PR firm to see how it would go for future plans.

**Rachel** shared they finished up OTR (opportunity to recycle). For five years, they need to have a public outreach and education campaign. 2023 is their last every thread counts campaign. Meeting for all organizations for OTR to decide what the campaign will be for the next five years. Working with DEQ on recycling surveys done at the transfer stations and to understand what the producers are.

Julie stated there hasn't really been a central list that the depots have. The participating cities are Salem, Keizer, Aumsville, Silverton and Woodburn. OTR has different level requirements based on the city's population. They are ready to go live with EarthWISE being part of the GBEN July 1. Send out the flyer for EarthWISE BBQ event on June 24.

**Dakota** stated this is a big outreach season for him. Repair Workshops and Fiesta Mexicana are coming up. Master Recycler beta course and last master recycler course. Rebranding with JPW in Fall. Durable kits that are available to people to utilize for educational purposes such as his volunteer or internal uses.

### **Council Member Updates**

Kyle asked about the implementation of C&D goal and Tom stated more documents will be sent out and it's up to the Council about how we move forward on that project. There will be more updates to the Council in the future. Kyle asked what Rachel meant in reference to textiles; she stated they are looking at the fashion industry and what the cost is (water, time, resources) to make clothing. Every Thread Counts campaign.

Judy asked about the subcommittees and the time commitments to those; Rachel stated the new subcommittees would be discussed with the Council as a whole.

Judy asked how many of the recycler calendars were recycled; Tom stated none of the current calendars were recycled.

Kyle asked why we can't take back the metal revenue from Covanta; Brian May stated most of it is ferrous (within hair blowers etc.). They aren't sure if the cost is there. They are doing research on nonferrous items and ash disposal. It was mentioned that certain types of metals could be taken to some of the local hauler depots.

Brian Sund stated July 10 is the next Ironman event and stated he would love volunteers for the Waste Management side of things.

Ryan commented on Ironman and asked who they are working with in terms of solid waste; Julie stated that someone called to set up service for the event and that was it.

### **Meeting Attendance**

Will Posegate was absent.

### **Meeting Review**

Bonnie thanked everyone for joining and coming in person.

Brian May thanked Kevin for hosting the Council and the tour.

**Motion:** Ryan moves to adjourn, Keith seconds.

**Discussion:** None

**Results:** Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

**Next meeting:** *Tuesday, June 28, 5:30-7:30pm*