

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Marion County**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 25, 2022  
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm  
Logistics: Marion County Commissioners Board Room: Attendance in-person

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

**Staff:** Thomas Kissinger, Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Commissioner Willis

**Guests** present: Luke Gmazel – City of Salem, Evan Grimm – Howard S Wright Construction

**ABSENT:** Joe Fowler, Will Posegate, Travis Cornwell

**QUORUM:** Yes

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

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**Member and Staff Introductions:** Done.

Commissioner Willis requested to hear Bonnie’s presentation first as he had to leave early; Brian Sund made a motion. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

**Approval of September 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Public Input:** None.

**Materials Management:**

Bonnie shared her involvement and background with Materials Management with the Advisory Council.

Bonnie handed out the brochure for Bob Anderson’s celebration of life so the Council could see it.

**City of Salem Case Study:**

Brian May formally introduced the guests in attendance and asked them to explore the reuse section of their construction project.

Evan Grimm with Howard S Wright Construction gave an overview on the City of Salem Public Works construction project. They are trying to get 75% recycled on the project.

Kevin commented that they don't have to separate the materials beforehand, that's something that the MRRF would be able to do. Luke asked if they would be able to provide a report on that waste; Kevin commented they aren't LEED certified yet.

Brian brought up the idea of what else the City of Salem would like to recycle through the system.

Julie stated we should look at having a container that is big enough to hold that material and reduce the number of pick-up times.

Judy asked how much of the waste is fixtures, toilets etc.; Evan stated he doesn't have exact tonnage on that.

Keith asked about the recycled concrete and what smaller outfits can do themselves; Evan stated they got it from a processing facility on State Street.

Luke Gmazel with the City of Salem discussed a past demolition project for the construction of the new police station, in which they had waste management requirements which focused on reducing the amount of waste. Contractors were required to submit a landfill alternative proposal that detailed each material. Out of the 2,252 tons of waste that was generated, 2,053 tons were recycled or 91.2% of the waste was recycled.

Brian May asked the why behind the recycling; Luke stated they were trying for a LEED Silver equivalency and the City of Salem has policies behind recycling materials. Keith asked what plan the policies linked to; Luke stated they laid out different options for the project with the wood beams being a sustainable resource, but it also went with the architect's vision.

Julie asked if that culture and function has transferred over to inside the building; Luke shared there was a bottle fill station.

Brian asked if there were any benefits for contractors to recover more; Luke shared sometimes they do incentivize but it depends on the scope of work and budget.

Kevin commented that the MRRF has never been able to accept waste directly from the public but that's something they're working with Marion County on. Luke commented he would be interested in recovering more materials in the future.

Bonnie thanked Luke and Evan for their presentation.

Brian May asked what direction the Council wants to go with the construction and demolition information they have been given; Julie commented that's the way the Council has been heading and it makes sense to discuss action at the next meeting. Julie stated we need to think about private projects as well as public projects.

Brian May asked what information the Council is missing; Julie commented the Council needs to know the recycling list that the DEQ legislation is putting together.

Julie asked if we knew about any requirements from the cities or counties; Tom commented that in Linn County, any load over a certain amount requires eco sort. Julie asked about the logistics behind that; Tom was uncertain.

The Council had discussions on how to enforce or incentivize those smaller businesses to recycle those materials.

Brian May mentioned a grant process for making the MRRF LEED certified.

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

Brian May shared that there will be a Budget subcommittee meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. He also shared they finalized their SKRTS franchise agreement, and the COSA process is in the works.

Judy shared there was a Repair Fair happening on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tom commented that Fall Festival, a Public Works event, is happening on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Spong's Landing.

#### **Council Member Updates**

The Council had discussions regarding their annual Holiday Dinner.

Julie shared that the Council may hear the word concurrence come up again as market rates continue to go sky high. Concurrence means if recycling costs more than landfilling it, you can throw it away, but you must apply for a concurrence to be able to do that.

Judy commented about solar power; Brian May commented that the county has explored many locations to pursue solar, but part of the issue is close proximity to infrastructure.

Kyle asked about mining the landfills in the future; Brian stated at some point in time, he could see that happening.

Kyle asked if Juno's facility was a type of "not in my backyard" facility; Brian commented the new facility was actually very quiet and clean.

Brian May shared that Scott Anderson came back to Covanta to train Travis.

Judy shared she will be at the Association of Recyclers Conference this week.

#### **Meeting Attendance**

Will Posegate, Travis Cornwell and Joe Fowler were absent.

#### **Meeting Review**

Julie commented the conversation on the buildings was good.

Kyle commented it was hard to hear in the room.

**Motion:** Bonnie moves to adjourn, Brian seconds.

**Discussion:** None

**Results:** Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Next meeting:** *Tuesday, November 22, 5:30-7:30pm*