

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 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, Kevin Hines, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Brian Sund, Travis Cornwell, Joe Fowler

Staff: Thomas Kissinger, Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Rachel VanWoert

Guests present: None

ABSENT: Kyle Elwood, Will Posegate

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

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

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Approval of October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None.

C&D Wrap-Up:

Rachel asked the Council what we should do with our C&D discussions moving forward and wanted to see what the Council's thoughts were.

Bonnie stated that we need to also be thinking about the small business guys and making sure they are receiving the same information as the commercial businesses. Bonnie discussed the option of a subcommittee for C&D and stated that she would like to appoint Kevin, Ryan and Julie to this subcommittee.

Kevin commented a subcommittee is great because they can dig into the details and would look at what their objective is and what are they trying to accomplish in Marion County.

Ryan shared that it was a good idea for a subcommittee to continue with the work on C&D. He also stated it was encouraging to see the work that was being done from the presentation with City of Salem and is happy to be the liaison with them moving forward.

Keith commented from the minutes, Julie's point about having a baseline on the requirements of each jurisdictions, should be pursued.

Brian May suggested we should be looking into sustainable end markets and how we would develop them.

Joe asked if Marion County has a goal for the amount of C&D materials we want to reduce; Brian May stated the overall state goal for Marion County is 64% and we're currently at 48.5%. He also suggested that some of that information could go out or be part of the building permit application process or some sort of incentive as a part of the building permit process. Kevin agreed with Joe's statement on the permitting process option.

Bonnie stated the subcommittee will most likely get started in the new year.

Solid Waste System Update:

Brian May shared that the last collection rate increase was January 1, 2019. Brian thanked the haulers group to keep rates down even with cost, labor and inflation of materials, along with all other issues they have dealt with. The increase in rates was 2.8% for urban and 1.1% for rural, which Brian shared was not bad after four years without a rate increase.

Kevin stated they have been working on the analysis for the last 11 months and they have taken a deep dive into each aspect.

Keith asked how the increase can be so low; Brian May commented the haulers have a return rate goal of 8-10%, but its for all their services provided.

Judy asked who is paying whom this rate; Brian stated each city has their own franchise but the two areas they are talking about are the unincorporated areas of Marion County and the East Salem Service District.

Keith asked how often this analysis is done; Brian May shared this is done annually.

Brian May shared the Environmental Services budget with the Council and stated Dennis Mansfield, the Public Works Deputy Director, met with the SWMAC Budget Subcommittee recently and went over this budget. He also stated the budget is very healthy.

Brian May covered the cost of services, personnel, site improvements and capital outlay projects, which includes a land acquisition, along with other items on the budget.

SKRTS Franchise Agreement:

Brian May shared the updates on with SKRTS franchise agreement; it is a five-year agreement with room for extensions in the future as the goal is to build a new transfer station during that time.

The County put a million dollars in the SKRTS facility for improvements and it is not something that they could simply shut down; it needed to stay open until another facility is available.

Brian May shared they put some incentives into this agreement for customer services, moving materials and staffing levels. They do not have data on how many people are utilizing the recycling station at SKRTS. Judy asked why they could not use a counter that tracks the vehicles; Brian May stated they tried that, but it was not giving accurate numbers and the entrance is too wide.

Transfer Station C&D Customers:

Brian May shared that starting January 1, 2023, C&D customers will be directed to the MRRF for disposal, to help with waiting lines and take out the step of disposal at the transfer station and then reloading to take to the MRRF.

Kevin commented that he believes it solves the line at SKRTS, along with helping pre-separate that material.

Judy commented that the only problem she sees is customers going the extra mileage is probably not worth it to them; Brian May shared that if SKRTS isn't operational, they would be looking at a new station to accommodate that side of the county.

Judy asked about the discount and the \$25 minimum; Brian May stated the contractors were never coming in under the minimum. They represent about 20-25% of the tonnage that comes into SKRTS. Judy also asked about opening the Hazardous Waste Facility on Saturdays; Brian May commented that's a potential for the future.

Brian May commented that there's also an incentive for Marion County for that C&D waste to go elsewhere since we are losing money when it's processed at SKRTS.

Potential Sharps Program:

Brian May shared that some programs that helped with this has been lost and he has been in communication with Commissioner Willis.

They are trying to mirror Metro's program and are in communication with them. They are thinking it would be an approximately ten thousand dollar per year program.

Judy shared having containers in the bathrooms, like they have at Salem Hospital, would be effective.

Julie commented about the cost of sharps disposal; Brian May commented that it looks like it will be a subsidized program within waste disposal.

Ryan shared there is a very convenient way to disposal of sharps which is pickup by your hauler, but it's at a cost. This program gives people options and is free.

Julie asked what happens if they can't do it for free in the future.

Judy commented that it might be a more complicated than they are making disposal sound.

Ryan shared that if/when we provide free options; it could take away from the haulers potential revenue but the proper disposal of the sharps is more important.

Bonnie asked how we get people to properly disposal of the needles; Ryan agreed there should be a better way to dispose of those and maybe that's something that the Unsheltered Subcommittee can take on in 2023.

Rachel commented this a great start and she's excited about the project.

Judy suggested that the people who were concerned about it being in parks and whatnot should carry a sharps container and tongs in their vehicle.

Brian May commented on the multi-organization effort behind the mobile laundry for the unsheltered population.

Joe asked if there was anything in the newspapers going out about the efforts behind the unsheltered waste management; Brian May shared if the Commissioners would like more outreach, then they will do that.

Julie suggested having some education regarding the mobile laundry unit. Judy mentioned Stayton is in the process of putting together a committee for the unsheltered population.

The SWMAC voted unanimously to recommend the potential sharps program. Brian May will then take that to the Board of Commissioners.

RMA Update:

Brian discussed the Recycling Modernization Act, or RMA, with the Council. The big shift is the consistency of recycling items throughout locations and more responsibility put on the producers of the items. There is also a needs assessment for the various cities that will need to complete it by March 23, 2023 and this will help target the smaller, unincorporated areas.

Marion County Environmental Services staff will assist those smaller, unincorporated areas with their needs assessments.

Judy shared that she isn't sure of how the needs assessment is going to go in the medium sized cities; Brian May stated that is their anticipated outcome of that. They are planning on utilizing their contact list, the Board of Commissioners contact list and other avenues of getting the word out.

Ryan shared the assessment coming up in 2023 isn't the only assessment, there is another one coming in 2025 and then they are every five years after that. So, if we don't get every city, there is another option.

Keith asked if Marion County does the annual report for DEQ on behalf of the cities; Brian May stated they did not, and the new legislation is putting a lot of the responsibility on the various cities.

Keith commented that the landscape of Salem is changing and most of the new developments are multifamily. Keith asked if that's being addressed in the survey; Brian May commented that there are requirements coming in 2025 for multi-tenant housing.

Tom shared that the survey is 12 questions long and the only information they are asking for are what services the communities are interested in and estimates of how many new cart service participants they have. They aren't asking for cost estimates or number of items communities are asking for such as trucks or bins.

Rachel commented the needs assessment is looking to get an idea of how much money communities would be needing. She also commented that DEQ stated you can dial back in the future but can't dial up, so they are encouraging communities to dial up. Julie commented that you can dial up as long as there is a reliable market, and the local governments need to advocate for the haulers or the collectors.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Updates

Bonnie discussed the Holiday dinner with the Council.

Bonnie shared with the Council that the January 2023 meeting will have a training aspect to go over the updated bylaws and handbook.

Judy shared that the AOR conference went well.

Meeting Attendance

Will Posegate and Kyle Elwood were absent.

Meeting Review

Judy liked the reusable containers for dinner.

Brian Sund thanked Natalie for what she does for the Council. He also asked for the presentation items that were shared.

Motion: Bonnie moves to adjourn, Brian seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:30-7:30pm*