

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 24, 2023
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Public Works: Attendance in-person

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

Staff: Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi

Guests present: None

ABSENT: Julie Jackson, Travis Cornwell

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Bonnie moved to make an agenda change to add the materials management report after public input.

Approval of November 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None.

Materials Management Report:

Kevin shared his materials management report with the Council.

Year In Review and 2023 Calendar Planning:

Bonnie shared her year in review document which detailed each month with projects, Council happenings and meeting highlights.

Rachel mentioned that a Doodlepoll will be sent out shortly for the C&D Subcommittee.

Brian shared that Julie Jackson is out due to medical concerns.

Brian May shared that the updated SWMAC bylaws/handbook will be approved by the Board of Commissioners tomorrow. Bonnie stated the hope is to have the Marion County Legal review and refresh the Council at the next meeting.

Brian May suggested plugging Council members who haven't done the Materials Management Report into the 2023 SWMAC calendar.

The Council filled in the calendar, month to month, with items like the Budget subcommittee, Earth Day proclamation and when to start discussing the Holiday Dinner.

Ryan mentioned that July 23rd will be the 3rd Ironman. Brian May suggested having a subcommittee for handling the solid waste for the event; Ryan wasn't sure if it warranted a subcommittee but wanted to make sure folks were connected.

Judy suggested not having a July meeting as it's a busy season and the SWMAC didn't have a quorum last year; Brian May stated he was going to propose a summer break, but they could have a meeting if something comes up.

Joe made a motion to suspend the July meeting. Keith seconded the motion. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

The Council had a brainstorming session on topics that they wanted to cover in 2023 such as master planning, schedule for Marion Resourcers, conferences and tours.

Recycling Modernization Act/ EarthWISE Grants:

Rachel gave an overview of the EarthWISE goals and the EarthWISE grants to the Council. The priority areas for the 2022-2023 grant cycle were sustainable packaging materials, construction and sustainable building and underserved populations.

Rachel shared data showcasing the accomplishments from the 2021-2022 grant cycle.

Rachel shared that Garten, Family Building Blocks, Emmanuel Lutheran, Le Petite Bistro, Salem Harvest, Ray of Hope, Salem Cloth, Sparrow Furniture and YMCA were the 2022-2023 grant cycle winners. She also gave an overview of their projects which includes:

- Textiles reuse and access for low-income families.

- Incentives for durable use, social justice, food waste reduction.
- Take out expansion and education. B business model mentoring.
- Community garden expansion and education.
- Unsheltered waste management, laundry and reusable food service.
- Textiles, period poverty, social justice.
- Gleaning expansion.
- New position, repair, and reuse.
- Waste management plan and guest services.
- E-waste and removing barriers to technology for low income and students.

Rachel stated if they have a non-profit status or if they partner with someone who assumes the liability, they can apply.

Judy asked for the Earthwise or Marion Resourcers emails to be more identified; Rachel and Dakota shared that the email header will always state what the email topic is.

Dakota shared an overview of the current status of the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), a timeline of upcoming dates and the expanded list of commingled materials.

Dakota shared that they are coordinating Q and A sessions for the various cities in unincorporated areas, and shared the details of the needs assessment, which cities will complete on their own. These meetings are not public and are geared towards local government officials.

Handbook/Bylaws Prep:

Brian shared that we would like to prep for next month's training on the handbook and bylaws by playing an interactive game called Kahoot; the Council played the Kahoot game and learned about the handbook and bylaws.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Updates

Brian noted that Kyle was in good health and back at the meetings.

Brian shared that Natalie was working with IT on an interested parties' button for all Environmental Services' advisory boards.

Brian stated the C&D waste is no longer going to Marion County transfer stations but instead going to the MRRF. The intent is to direct waste directly there instead of moving waste between sites. Kevin shared that he is open for feedback and is excited to see what happens.

Joe asked if that was coordinated at all with the building department permit application process; Brian commented that it's a different set up.

Brian shared they recently had a work session with the board and hope to have two sites identified and construction started for new transfer sites by the end 2026.

Brian stated they are working on a SHARPS program and are in discussions with City of Salem.

Next month, Lieutenant Landers with the Sheriff's Office will come and talk to the Council about unsheltered waste clean ups.

Senate bill 488 and 494 will directly impact Covanta and they are disseminating the information.

Brian shared that the board would really like advisory board members to be in person but are still having a Zoom option for the public to attend.

Brian shared about 230,000 tons were hauled to Coffin Butte in 2022. 125,000 tons were processed at Covanta.

Judy shared there were televisions sitting out in the rain at SKRTS; Brian stated that if Judy sees that to call him and they can remind Republic to take care of that.

Council Member Updates

Keith shared an overview on the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge. Their goal is to make public art accessible and one of their projects this past year was in counties and it was within dumpsites where they created public art. Brian May stated that a perfect time to share that would be when Lieutenant Landers is attending next month.

Ryan shared that the City of Salem is hosting a Spanish language resource fair on February 7th. Dakota, Rachel and Kennedy from the MRRF will be joining. This is helping their residents know what resources are available. Ryan also shared he has been working on improving the city's transparency on solid waste and they now have a franchise website.

Bonnie shared the Holiday Dinner was absolutely wonderful and Joe thanked Julie, along with Republic Services, for providing the drinks.

Meeting Attendance

Julie Jackson and Travis Cornwell were absent.

Meeting Review

Will stated the food was awesome and the interaction was good. He also thanked Bonnie for her year in review.

Brian thanked Dakota and Rachel for their presentations.

Motion: Bonnie moves to adjourn, Brian seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:30-7:30pm*