

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2023
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

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

Staff: Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Rachel VanWoert

Guests present: Nick Dahl

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Bonnie would like to add an update from the Nominations Subcommittee to the agenda.
Brian May would like to have an introduction of Nick Dahl, new owner of Loren’s Sanitation, when he joins the meeting.

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

Nick Dahl introduced himself and his background.

Public Input: None.

Kahoot – Handbook:

The Council participated in a learning exercise, based on the SWMAC Handbook and Bylaws, in the form of a Kahoot.

Chair & Vice-Chair Elections:

The Council conducted their Chair & Vice-Chair Elections.

Bonnie moved to nominate Keith to the position of Chair; a voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Brian Sund moved to nominate Bonnie to the position of Vice-Chair; Ryan seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

These nominations will be taken to the Commissioners for appointment.

Materials Management Report:

Brian Sund shared his Materials Management Report and his background on the subject.

C&D Subcommittee Report:

Kevin updated the Council on the most recent C&D Subcommittee report.

Their main goal is to increase Marion County's recovery rates, along with reducing leakage within Marion County. They are currently focusing on ways to educate the public by creating a one-pager, updating websites, creating one for the MRRF and linking that information, along with working with the cities and counties on the permitting side of the process.

Kevin emphasized the intent is to make it as easy as possible for the contractor and focus on the important information.

Nick commented on the education piece is telling the story of the organizations. He also stated the way of communication has changed over time and a lot of it is through social media.

Judy asked about the ashes signage at the transfer stations and stated that the signs might be updated; Julie stated that that would be a regulatory issue and the testing aspect. We can't take fire material of any kind without some testing. Brian May commented that the signs being there make sure that the public knows about the testing aspect. Judy asked about fireplace ashes; Brian May stated that not typically as they are usually looking for burnt building materials.

Will asked how they would make it easier for contractors to visit our facilities over other facilities or the landfill; Kevin stated some base that on what the facility's disposal rate is and we are only going to be able to change the minds of those who want to do the right thing, although we can educate everyone.

Nominations Subcommittee Report:

Keith shared that the nominations subcommittee would like to bring Scott Gagner's application to the full Council as a recommendation to approve; Will commented that his background and experience will be beneficial. Brian May commented on Scott's background in garbage and is interested in seeing what he has to offer.

Keith moved recommend Scott's appointment to the Board of Commissioners; Will seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Julie asked about Scott attending a meeting; Bonnie stated he had attended last month's meeting.

Keith asked about the process for appointment; Brian May stated it should take around three weeks for the Management Update and Board Session sessions.

Scott Gagner's nomination will be taken to the Commissioners for appointment.

Staff Updates

Rachel discussed the first Green Business Summit that will be taking place on August 11th and EarthWISE is beginning to work with EPA Safe Choice on training.

Rachel shared the details from the recent Earth Day event on April 22 at Spong's Landing Park and gave an update on the EarthWISE businesses.

Meeting Attendance

No one was absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie thanked Nick Dahl for attending and sharing his background.

Motion: Ryan moves to adjourn, Keith seconds.

Discussion: None.

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, May 23, 2023 5:30-7:30pm*