

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2023
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

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

Staff: Brian May, Dakota Tangredi

Guests present: Brad Barker – SWMAC Candidate

ABSENT: Will Posegate

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Keith Bondaug-Winn called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Approval of August 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Keith asked if we have a public comment period mechanism via email.

Public Input: None.

Nominations Subcommittee

Bonnie recommended to approve Brad Barker for SWMAC. Keith asked what the process for approval is; Brian explained that SWMAC needs to approve, then the process moves onto the Board for approval.

Master Plan Review

Keith discussed the process for formulating the elements of what we wanted to see in the materials management plan.

Brian May explained the process for drafting the scope of the work, RFP process and how it's important to keep the RFP more general.

Keith recommends we change the regulatory bucket to also add "regulatory/policy".

Brad commented that the master plan needs a master evaluation plan and monitoring plan to be evaluated, what was accomplished, etc.; Keith clarifies that this process is to "throw everything at the wall" then work from there to get there.

Ryan mentioned that with his work at City of Salem they do analysis of budgets; Brian stated Marion County staff will work on this piece.

Joe mentioned the request to aggregate the buckets in a similar fashion to the 2009 original plan; Bonnie replied to Joe – the 2009 seems to be outdated, but we could look at the previous plan for ideas going forward.

Keith - remarked that Benton mentions LCA, climate change, things that could be included!

Julie shared that Benton County is good to look at, but the plan has not been developed. They don't have a document yet and suggested being careful.

Ryan suggested we see the RFP that Benton County utilized if that's already been released.

Joe asked why transparency is important to this RFP process; Ryan commented that from a city of Salem perspective, keeping folks transparent, like in the case of rate increase, people feel more in the loop.

Julie shared that we need a regional perspective, and Dakota echoed this, as Benton is disbanding their SWAC, but will become more regional.

Brian commented that he feels like we have lost education and outreach; Julie replied not to put a wet blanket on the education and outreach, but we need to make punitive actions to folks that don't make a change, such as contamination fees. Ryan commented that RMA is what will bring this teaching to be universal.

Staff Updates

Brian May shared that waste processing used to be a 50-50 split for garbage disposal. Now it's more 60% MRRF to 30% Covanta disposal/diversion.

Covanta is processing far less than usual due to outages. Their contract says they will process 125k tons per year and they are projected to only take 90,000 tons this year. When we divert

materials to MRRF, dry waste, wet waste and drop boxes to MRRF are diverted. Marion County is the largest customer at the Coffin Butte landfill. He posed the question “how do you continue the disposal of trash to be sustainable if Covanta reduced its capacity or goes away?”, to the group.

Council Member Announcements

Judy shared that a non-profit in Mill City got an RV dumped on them, but luckily cost to tow and clean were waived by a towing organization.

Meeting Attendance

Scott Gagner was absent.

Motion: Bonnie moves to adjourn, Ryan seconds.

Discussion: None.

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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