

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2024
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

PRESENT:

Members: Keith Bondaug-Winn, Joe Fowler, Julie Jackson, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Ryan Zink, Will Posegate, Kevin Hines, and Scott Gagner

Staff: Brian May, Rachel VanWoert, Cory Swartwout, Commissioner Cameron

Guests: None

ABSENT: Brad Barker

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Keith Bondaug-Winn called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Approval of January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kevin moved to approve minutes; Will seconded.

Discussion: Bonnie shared that Brad noted changes on minutes, not Joe. Bonnie also noted clarification on her adjustments of the November minutes, should state “January” instead of “next month”.

Results: A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes with updates.

Public Input: None.

Nominations Subcommittee Report

Will shared that the subcommittee interviewed Bill Riecke and that they are recommending Bill be appointed to the Council for an at-large position. Bill is the owner of Bark Boys in Salem and is interested in the compost business. Brian stated that Bill shared his experience with Marion County, some recent changes the County implemented regarding taking yard debris at Brown's Island and his input whether the County should be in this business competing with the private sector. Rachel shared that she is excited to have Bill's experience and perspective with green waste.

Council vote to recommend Bill Riecke

Motion: Keith moved to recommend Bill Riecke for the Citizen-at-Large position; Joe seconded.

Discussion: None

Results: A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Legislative Update

Brian shared that the right to repair bill has passed the Senate with a 25-5 vote on February 28 and will now go to the House.

Lane County Follow Up Discussion

Rachel shared that she appreciated that Lane County was staying flexible while following their plan and that they were striving for transparency.

Brian shared that the reason for bringing Lane County into the conversation was to figure out the post-master planning process. Lane County Solid Waste staff determined that spending 100+ million dollars was a solution to part of their master planning effort. The point of the SWMAC is to have clear conversations do determine what is best so that money isn't spent on things that aren't necessary.

Judy shared that she saw the meeting as looking at the process and the planning as opposed to how it will impact the flow of things in Marion County.

Keith shared that he looked at the Stakeholder aspect as an important piece. Looking to have people join us sooner, during the planning stages. Keith shared that the Council should try to invite people from the unfilled industry positions.

SWMAC Communication Tools

Brian shared that in the waste reduction efforts, Master Planning efforts, keeping communications in an open space that meets requirements for public information and quick access to information, SWMAC is receiving iPads. Cory provided a brief tutorial on how to use the iPads.

SWANA Zero Waste Training

Rachel provided a brief overview of the SWANA web page and what the Zero Waste Training will look like. SWANA accounts are in the process of being set up and logins should be sent out before the next meeting. SWMAC members will be presenting an overview of each module of the training, monthly, as the council goes through it.

Calendar Planning

Cory assigned Council Members for SWANA Zero Waste Training presentations. Keith shared that Bonnie wanted to visit Garten and Recology. Judy shared that a repair fair was scheduled in March at the Silverton Library.

Staff Updates/Other Business

Rachel shared that the ES team is gearing up for Earth Day. The event will be held at Spongs Landing Park on Friday, April 26th from 3-7pm. The theme is “Building a Brighter Future”. There are about 7 community partners and another 7 interested. There will be a scavenger hunt, “Passport to Sustainability”, nature trails, baby goats, and free ice cream from On Any Sundae.

Rachel shared that she is in the second year of planning for the Sustainability Summit. The name is going away, as MC has matured to being a Marion Sustainable Business Network. The event is tentatively planned for September 23rd. Rachel explained how the Sustainable Business Network works.

Brian shared that Brown’s Island is still closed. MC is in the process of designing a bridge to put in place, getting the site open fastest. SKRTS maintenance is planned starting March 31st. The plan is to have the work completed in two weeks but is being advertised as three weeks. Hand unload customers will go to the North Marion Transfer Station and tip unload customers will be directed to MRRF. There will be plenty of advertising for this closure. Kevin asked where customers with yard waste will be directed; Brian shared that hand unloads will still be able to use North Marion Transfer Station but will also advertise private entities. Brian shared

that the current agreement with Covanta expires June 30th, 2024. The opportunity for a five-year extension is on the table. MC has discussed adding a six-month extension, at this time, to allow for deeper conversation. The facility is struggling and has had a lot of outages. In 2023, Covanta burned the least amount of material MC has seen.

Judy shared that she and Will went to the AOR battery forum last week. Will shared that at the conference he learned that Processors like Garten have insurance prices going up because of the battery fires. Will also shared that even if you make the investment for a Fire Rover, it does not lower your insurance premiums.

Will shared that Garten is having a luncheon on March 26th at noon. If you are interested in learning more about Garten, let Will know.

Keith shared that Brad's attendance was excused this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm*