

**MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Logistics: WebEx meeting with limited “in person” attendance due to COVID-19

PRESENT: **Members:** Julie Jackson, Brian Sund, Bonnie Sullivan, Ryan Zink, Will Posegate, Judy Skinner, Kyle Elwood, Kurt Tackman, Joe Fowler, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis, Matt Marler, Tim Rice,
Staff: Brian May, Elizabeth Parker, Pattie Phillips, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi
Guests: Carroll Johnson, Sara Duncan
Commissioner Liaison: Commissioner Willis

ABSENT: Kevin Hines

OPEN MEETING

Keith called meeting to order at 5:32pm. Welcome and introductions made by SWMAC members, guests, and Public Works staff.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Judy made motion to table the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes until next meeting. Ryan seconded. Voice vote unanimous - motion passed

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE: CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Brian M shared that typically nominations for chair and vice-chair are done in April, but due to no meeting in April, this meeting in May is first opportunity. Brian M explained that the Vice Chair normally moved into the Chairs position, but Kaileigh (Vice Chair) is unable to move up into Chair position due to a variety of reasons, thus the group will nominate a Chair. The chair position can be filled by “At-Large” and “Community Organization” members. Brian asked for nominations for the Chair position. As for keeping the current chair, Keith stated he has enjoyed the responsibility in the past but feels that someone else is overdue. Keith nominated Ryan Zink to the Chair. Ryan regretfully declined the nomination. Bonnie nominated Tim Rice. Tim Rice regretfully declined due to work and home schedule. Brian Sund was nominated and regretfully declined due to other responsibilities. Kurt was nominated and regretfully declined due to challenging circumstances.

Brian M inquired if the issue was time commitment or a general lack of interest to be in the role. He suggested that SWMAC could be moved to every other month or quarterly due to active sub committees and clarified the time commitment for the Chair is the meeting itself and 45-60 minutes per month for agenda planning.

Julie made a motion that Kaleigh stay in the Vice Chair position. Seconded by Joe. Unanimous voice vote - motion passed.

Brian M confirmed that the paperwork for Keith's reappointment to SWMAC was in process. The nominations for SWMAC Chair were tabled in order for Brian M to consider appropriate options.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Unsheltered Waste Management Sub-Committee:

Ryan is happy to report good progress of implementing the plan and the general program of collecting solid waste at Cascade Gateway, and Wallace Marine Parks. There have been two-three loads taken to Covanta that has saved about \$1200. City staff is working with the contractor at the parks and then the waste is dumped into a rear load garbage truck. It will be taken to Covanta and unloaded there. Ryan and Brian M will have a better sense of the volume and scope of this project as more loads are delivered. Ryan shared that the Salem City Council is setting the decommissioning of the camping at Wallace Marine, and Cascade parks, and that with the approval of Resolution 2021, weekly cleanups would begin in June while transitioning the unsheltered out of the parks and into managed sites as they become available. This effort will be coordinated between city staff and non-profit partners. Gretchen Bennet has been coordinating this.

Joe Fowler wondered about the encampments at freeway off-ramps. As these are ODOT properties, Ryan said he's heard there is some trash collection occurring, but is unsure of the frequency.

The City of Salem's efforts are primarily focused at those two parks. Work is being done by non-profits where they are not limited by where they can pick up waste. Brian M reiterated the importance of not taking the material to SKRTS and North Marion, since the material is then sorted at the MRRF. With biological waste and sharps being hazardous, Covanta is the only option for disposal. Joe Fowler thanked Covanta and mentioned that though Market Street is ODOT, he wants to encourage the county, state, and city to work together to improve this location and situation.

Brian M updated the group regarding Rachel and Dakota developing a playbook for county, as this is not just a city issue. They want to capture the process that is being done so that they can disseminate the information around the county. They will have a play book that will hopefully be used elsewhere within Marion County.

SOLID WASTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Julie gave the group on a couple legislative items she's following.

581 is still alive – "truth in labeling" which is the backup for 582. A Committee will be formed to explore all aspects. The mattress recycling bill is in ways and means and hasn't moved. Time to move is coming close or the bill could/will die.

Brian M gave an update on the Nomination Sub-committee.

The "Chamber" position is open again as the applicant withdrew his interest. One "Citizen at Large" position is open and staff is working with Sherry Lintner on volunteer recruitment campaigns. Historically, the Chamber position has been hard to fill, so he asked the Nomination Sub-Committee to revisit the thought of changing designation. Elizabeth will send doodle poll on meeting times to the sub-committee to determine meeting day/time.

Brian M shared update on Juno.

Georgia Pacific has had this project in works for over seven years, with a location in Georgia and now they have opened an operation facility to Toledo Oregon. They're looking for trash to process – fiber content based – and will be running different test loads. They'll be working with MRRF and first week in June on some test loads. Brian M is hoping to have some good statistics and recovery rate to present to the Board of Commissioners; option for Marion County waste. He will report back to group with results.

**FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS
(Information/Discussion)****Staff Updates:**

Brian M introduced Pattie Phillips, Elizabeth's replacement. She comes to us from out of state and looks forward to working with the group.

Dakota is planning to share his progress on the Master Recycler program at the next meeting and also introduced Sara from the MRRF. They've had a lot of collaboration already and will be helpful moving forward. Sara introduced herself to the group, sharing new things going on at MRRF. These include a new education room which will be used for field trips for students, providing a wonderful opportunity to have kids be hands-on with materials. She will be reaching out to schools and working with Dakota to bring in haulers as never before.

Rachel gave an update on Emanuel Lutheran in Woodburn where they are testing reusable take out boxes for food services. They spend \$22k on take out containers per year, which is 80% of their budget. They're looking for a significant decrease in cost allowing for better healthy food options.

Council member announcements/updates:

Judy gave update that the Marion County fair is on – watch for info.

Keith asked if any money is earmarked for SWMAC from Environmental Services' reimbursements from declared emergencies. Brian M shared that FEMA money is for specific fire damage and ice damage to Marion County property. He is hearing about many federal and state funding outlets.

Kyle asked if members of public are asking for updated info on the MC and Covanta contract. Brian M stated that they're now in final draft status with MC and Covanta, with an executable contract to be effective July 1, 2021.

Bonnie gave kudos to Matt M for his guest column in the Statesman Journal.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Will moved to adjourn meeting; Matt seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.