

**MARION COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

October 25, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Commissioners Board Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Bill Brauer, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Will Posegate, Darby Randklev, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund,

Members Absent: Bob Anderson, Thomas Smith

Public Signed in: Chris Ream, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Tracy Lowe

Staff Present: Brian May, Bailey Payne

BOC Liaison: Janet Carlson

**MOTION:** Judy Skinner moved to approve the July 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Will Posegate.

**Discussion:** Judy pointed out a few corrections to the minutes. The PRC composting facility is trying to get rid of strictly PLA, not just coffee cups that have a PLA liner. If it doesn't compost all the way it's no good and ends up in someone's backyard. The biggest impact is cold drink cups, beer and wine clear cups. Paper products also have an impact and utensils are even more difficult. Hot cups are lined with PLA Fiber and straws are always a problem. This will have an impact at events that are trying to go to zero waste. The PRC composting facility will not be taking anything after January 1, 2017.

Another correction in the minutes that Darby pointed out, was the word, Plutonic. It should say Rotonic.

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved with changes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):**

- Rate adjustments for Sublimity go into effective November 1, 2016.
- All cities have approved their rate adjustments. Thanks were given to the county for their help in the education process and getting the rate adjustments through.
- Potential meeting time changes were suggested. The most popular time was 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., as well as, keeping the time as it is. There was a vote to change the meeting time to 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. but keep it on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. A Motion approved by Darby Randklev and seconded by Brian Sund.
- Bylaw changes included removing Commissioners to elect and add Council to appoint and all members are approved by Board. A Motion to approve was made by Darby Randklev and seconded by Bonnie Sullivan. These changes are going to the Commissioner for approval.

**SOLID WASTE PROGRAM DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- Metro Solid Waste Code – There is nothing new to report. This will be out for a while before we anything is heard.
- Metro/Covanta Waste - There is nothing to report at this time. Currently they are doing a health risk study so it is pretty quiet at this time. Metro has engaged HDR Consulting, a consulting firm along with Chris Olson as an advisor for various issues. He has done other work for facilities in the

US and Canada. The work session was given to the consultants for direction and gather information to bring to the Metro group in the spring of next year.

- Metro is not looking to bring all their waste to Marion County.
- The Blue Bin program is progressing. Marion County is receiving more blue bins from Washington and California.
- To stay in compliance with DEQ's requirements, a stack test is done on an annual basis.
- Infectious Waste Audit – There are efforts made to make sure we are in compliance with DEQ's guidelines. Currently we are seeking companies who will do this inspection process for us. We are also hiring a full-time Q.A.Q.C person to not only take care of medical waste, but for all things we do, such as watching the floor, etc. Annual audits will also be done at the various facilities.
- The update on contractor discount is that currently the contractors get a discount when they have a Contractor License Board number. The contractor would have to apply for the discount and would not be able to just say they are a contractor to get it. We are waiting to see how the increase goes before there is talk about raising the rate for contractors.

### **MEMBER ROUNDTABLE:**

- To help with the agenda planning, there was a question of what type of things would be discussed at future SWMAC meeting. Topics include:
  - 2015 Recovery Rate Numbers (November 2016).
  - New goals and elements of SB263 (perhaps wait until February 2017 when the rules have been finalized).
  - How can food recovery be increased?
  - What can be done to increase construction & demolition recovery? Expand the MRRF? Require contractors to recycle?
  - How can contamination be minimized? Is continued education enough?
  - Are there places that the council should tour like Garten's MRF, the Brook MRRF, others?
  - How can glass recycling and other non-commingled materials be made available to apartment complexes?
  - Waste generation seems to be on the rise, especially in the construction industry. What can be done to minimize this?
  - Waste Composition numbers (probably in the fall of 2017).
  - Solid Waste Management Plan update (perhaps wait until fall of 2017 or whenever the waste composition study is completed).
  - Investigate new technologies to increase recovery, such as a dirty MRF or the other systems that Todd & Brian saw when they visited California in the summer of 2016.
- Summary of jurisdiction – what they do and what the requirements are needed for each city.
- Senate Bill 263 – There is a two hour meeting coming up and a summary of the new rules will be sent out.
- Tours – Garten Tour, Covanta and the Brooks MRRF. Schedule these tours with Master Recyclers and extend the invite to the SWMAC Council.
- Bailey passed around the menu from the Fresh Start market to people to choose if they want a sandwich or wrap for the next meeting.

### **FUTURE TOPICS:**

- Holiday Party – This will be on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Social hour will be from 5:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Dinner will start at 6 P.M. The party will be at the Salem Transitional Center on Boone Rd in the small cafeteria. There will be an email for RSVP for the members.

- Council Member Announcement:
  - The Sunday Statesmen Journal in the Business Section talked about Dalke Construction, and how they are invoiced in remodeling a building. The article talked about how they are reusing and repurposing materials from the building and how they are going green on the construction.
  - Sullivan Carpets has been involved in the Hopes War Pediatrics.
  - D & O Garbage – Highlighted an outstanding job in raising the bar.
  - Calendar Judging – We had some really good artwork turned in. The awards will be handed out on December 14, 2016. This year’s calendar will be one sheet. The winner will be on the front. The other winners will be on the back along with additional information. The reason we are reducing the pages are due to the resources being a little low. However, we are interested in getting more involvement in the contest and will be looking at the possibility of doing an electronic calendar.
  - SWMAC Meeting for November is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Currently, there will be a meeting unless the attendance is low when Tracy sends out the reminders. Since this meeting is scheduled the week of Thanksgiving, if attendance is low, the meeting will be cancelled. There is no scheduled meeting in December. However, we are having the Holiday Dinner in lieu of the meeting.
  - Recruitment of new members – Republic Services will let us know who will be representing them. Brian May will be reaching out to Dan Quinn.
  - Chris represents Habitat Restore Director. He is passionate about recycling and reusing.
  - Keith, from the City of Salem Storm Water Quality Team takes 12-13 students in the summer and they go to the Salem creeks to clean them.

**Staff Updates:**

- SWMAC has a new shorter URL. It’s [www.mcswmac.net](http://www.mcswmac.net)
- Future events:
  - November 1<sup>st</sup> – Valley Root at Chemeketa.
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> – Santiam Broom Fest in Mill City from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
  - Master Recycler’s class is going good. There will be two more class left.
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> – The Salem Progressive Film series will be at 7 P.M. The title of the movie is called “Reuse”.
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> – Environmental Issues Series Presentation. Topic is on Climate Change. This will be at Loucks at 7 P.M. and the cost is \$5.00.
  - November 19<sup>th</sup> – Weed Pulling at Hillfigen Park from 10 A.M to 1 P.M.
  - All events are on our website on the green calendar.

**MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:** Was very good, everyone notified.

**MEETING REVIEW:**

- Great meeting and attendance. There was a much better direction with the agenda.
- Everyone seemed to like the decision about the change in meeting time.
- Bonnie Sullivan made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Brian Sund seconded the Motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:30 p.m.**

If anyone would like to come to the office to listen to the recorded version of the minutes, please call 503-588-5169 to schedule a time.