

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

July 24, 2018
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner Conference Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Will Posegate, Chris Ream, Julie Jackson, Bob Anderson, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Joe Fowler, Brian Sund, Tim Rice, Matt Marler, Kevin Hines
Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Pulvers
Public: None

ABSENT: April Murazzo

CONSENT

MOTION: Bob moved to approve the June 2018 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULTS: Bonnie seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: Bonnie announced that she made cards with a green dot on one side. If one wants to speak, they should turn their card to have the green dot facing outward.

Bylaws Revision

In April, the Bylaws-Handbook Subcommittee had reviewed and made changes to the Bylaws. These changes were brought to the Council in May and it was decided they should be sent to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for approval. The main revision to the bylaws was that the BOC would no longer have to approve new members before they could join the Council. After presenting these revisions to the BOC, Brian was informed that they wanted to stay involved in the approval of new members to the Council. Brian suggested that the Bylaws-Handbook Subcommittee meet and revise the bylaws once more.

Garten Monthly Update

Will did not have any significant changes to share with Council from the previous month. He assured them that next month he would bring more data.

Update from MVGRA on Recycling Compliance

The Council was curious as to how the recycling penalty was assessed to customers, what the process was, etc. Kevin explained that the point of the fee is not to collect money, but to educate the customer. The process varies from hauler to hauler, but all customers that get an "oops tag" or a penalty are

contacted by phone, have the issue explained to them, and are offered educational material about recycling. There were many questions about how the haulers communicate with each other and with their customers. Kevin explained that though the penalty isn't a new concept, they're really pushing to clean up contamination now and so they're still adjusting, learning, and collecting data. Hopefully over time, a baseline will be established and progress will be easier to measure.

Kevin asked SWMAC what they would like to see from the haulers. The Council agreed that more data would be helpful in deciding where/how to design outreach programs. They also informed Kevin that a presentation from the haulers would be informative.

Marion Resource Recovery Facility (MRRF)- Franchise Agreement (Action)

Brian explains that in the past, franchise agreements have limited the efficiency of the way that the county moves garbage. They're trying to avoid that with this new agreement.

Added some definitions:

Public Hauler: The old agreement only allowed franchised haulers to deliver to the MRRF, which excludes construction demolition companies. Now public haulers will be able to go to the MRRF when approved by Marion County.

Residual Material: All the stuff that falls off the end of the belt. There will be tests now on residual material to make sure that all recoverable material is actually being recovered.

Brian explained that the new agreement will be a 20 year fixed contract, rather than a 10 year contract to allow the MRRF the ability to expand.

One of the more significant changes is that all of the material from the transfer stations will be put through the MRRF before going to Covanta or a landfill. This will boost our recovery rate. Some of this has already started and there has been a lot of metal, wood, and cardboard recovered that would have previously gone straight to the burner or the landfill. They've been able to recover so much that you can actually see a difference in the piles at Covanta. All-in-all, this is a much more efficient system.

Brian presented the Council with a list of set fees that will go into the contract (see attached).

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Bob motioned to approve Brian taking the MRRF Franchise Agreement to the BOC. Joe seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Bonnie announced that the Christmas tree for the White House would be coming from Sweet Home this year and that handmade ornaments are to come with it. Bonnie contacted the US Forest Service to let them know that she wanted the Master Recyclers to make some ornaments for it out of reused materials, as one of the suggested themes for the ornaments is "recycling." The ornaments need to be done by October 1. Judy offered to take Bonnie through Garten to look for materials for them.

Bob wanted to see if the Council was interested in discussing a name change. Personally, he feels like the name doesn't reflect the intent of the group. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss it further and come up with ideas for a new name.

Judy reported that the Art Fair went well and that they would be at Family Building Blocks on August 4th.

Other Business:

None

Staff Updates:

Brian announces that Jessica Ramey is back at Marion County as a Waste Reduction Coordinator and that they have restructured the Waste Reduction Coordinators' roles.

The Marion County Environmental Services booth at the Art Fair got 60 people expressing interest in the Master Recycler Class.

Future Agenda Topics:

None

Membership/Attendance:

April's absence was excused. There are three vacant positions on the Council, if anybody knows an interested party.

Meeting Review:

Judy suggested adding a second phone number to the agenda to call if one is locked out of the building during a meeting. Jolene's is currently the only one on the list, but there's not an alternate for months that Jolene cannot attend.

The Council thanked Bonnie for making the cards with the green dots. They seemed to work well.

Motion to close the meeting: Bonnie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Will seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm