

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

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

Commissioner Conference Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Keith Bondaug-Winn, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Will Posegate, Bob Anderson, Joe Fowler, Darby Randklev, Brian Sund
 Staff: Brian May, Jolene Kelley, Bailey Payne, Stephanie Pulvers
 Public: April Murazzo, Tim Rice, Scott Anderson, Jamie Pederson, Kevin Hines

ABSENT: Chris Ream, Julie Jackson

CONSENT

MOTION: Joe moved to approve the February 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 would like to give a formal farewell to Darby, as this was his last meeting.

Nomination Subcommittee Report

Bonnie reported that the Nomination Subcommittee interviewed Tim Rice and April Murazzo and recommends their election to the Council. Joe moved to approve the election of Tim Rice in a Citizen-at-Large position. Bonnie seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Joe moved to approve the election of April Murazzo in a Citizen-at-Large position. Bonnie seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

American Gypsum Recycling (presentation)

Jeff and Andrew from American Gypsum Recycling (AGR) presented to the SWMAC. They shared their backgrounds and about their personal commitments to recycling. Jeff explained to the Council why having so much sheetrock in our landfills is a problem and why it is so bad for the environment. Next, they talked about their process, their machinery, and the finished product. AGR takes used sheetrock and drywall, separates the paper from the gypsum, and then recycles both materials. They sell the paper to paper recyclers and clean and pulverize the gypsum to be sold to farmers for their crops, added as a compost supplement or to manufacturers to be made back into drywall. There was time at the end for questions and answers.

Bylaw/Handbook Subcommittees Report

Bonnie reported that the Bylaws and Handbook Subcommittees had met to revise the current bylaws and handbook, but were not yet finished with the revisions. Due to the fact that the bylaws are a part of the handbook, Bonnie moved to combine to Bylaws Subcommittee and the Handbook Subcommittee into one subcommittee. Will seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

In the April 4th meeting, the idea of allowing alternates for the industry members was discussed. Brian wanted to bring it to the whole council for their input. This would alter the existing rule that new members attend two meetings before turning in their applications. Members of the Council agreed that the knowledge and expertise of industry members is needed at all SWMAC meetings, but wanted to know if these alternates would get to vote and count towards quorum. The members of the Bylaws and Handbook subcommittees did not have answers yet, as they had not finished the discussion at their last meeting. Keith moved to assign the task of rewriting the language in the bylaws/handbook to include alternates for the industry positions to the Bylaws/Handbook Subcommittee. Bonnie seconded the motion, a voice vote was unanimous. The subcommittee will meet again on May 3rd and report back to the entire council at the May 22nd regular meeting.

Budget Subcommittee Report

Brian explained that in the March 21st Budget Subcommittee meeting, Dennis went over the budget for the 17-18 fiscal year and projections for the 18-19 fiscal year and beyond. He explained some of the differences between the current year and previous years, including the increase in volume at the transfer stations and Brown's Island, the increase in the marketing budget due to the curbside changes, and some upcoming projects. There was time at the end for questions and answers.

Curbside Recycling Update

Jolene Kelley gave the Council an update on the Communications Meetings that had been held in the weeks prior. She explained that there are meetings scheduled every two weeks and the group communicates by email in between meetings often. The goal of this group and these meetings is to make sure that all agencies are on the same page and sending out the same message. Currently, the haulers are working on getting updated material out to their customers, Marion County Environmental Services is working on updating all print material as well as their website, there is a guest opinion written and soon to be released, and Jolene is working on setting up a contract with a former Statesman Journal reporter to create a year-long series of videos called "Beyond the Curb" to educate Marion County residents on the recycling process. The group is also designing a social media campaign. Jolene showed the group the midvalleyrecycling.com website that the communications group has designed and been working on as a central hub for curbside recycling information. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Voting for Chair/Vice-Chair

Although Chris was not present, he had previously expressed interest in transitioning from Vice-Chair to Chair. Judy motioned to elect Chris as Chair of the SWMAC for the next 12 months. Will seconded, and there was no opposition. The Council formally elected Chris Ream as the Chair of the SWMAC.

Joe asked for nominations from the Council for Vice-Chair. Will nominated Keith, who had expressed interest in becoming Vice-Chair. Judy seconded and there was no opposition. The Council formally elected Keith Bondaug-Winn as the Vice-Chair of the SWMAC.

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

Announcements: Bonnie gave a farewell speech to Darby and thanked him for his service on the Council.

Brian presented the plaque that SWMAC won from the Board of Commissioners for their volunteer service in 2017. Joe thanked everyone, as Chair, for their hard work, thanked Jolene for nominating SWMAC for the award, and thanked the Commissioners for choosing SWMAC as the recipients.

Judy reported that she attended the AOR/NRC joint meeting in Portland. The consensus at this meeting was that paper is the worst problem because there are limited local mills and few foreign markets for it.

Brian Sund announced that the Awesome 3000 fundraiser for Salem-Keizer Education Foundation is coming up and Brian is the Waste Management Team Committee Leader. He wanted to thank Alan for the ClearStream recycling containers that he is lending them and dropping off.

Will reported that Earth Day at the Oregon Garden went very well and he was amazed by the attendance.

Other Business: None.

Staff Updates: Keith completed his thirty hours of volunteer payback for Master Recycler. Bailey presented him with his certificate.

Valley roots group met on April 3rd and plan to meet again May 1st.

Waste Matters came out in early April.

The Progressive Film Series showed a film on plastics and had a plastic bag ban advocate from Oregon Environmental Council give a presentation afterwards. It was well attended.

Green Schools Summit was held on April 20th in Gresham and was a great event.

Chemeketa had their Earth Day on April 20th and Marion County had a presence there.

Salem City Club had their recycling market Q&A event on April 20th with Alan Pennington, Peter Spendelow, and Will Posegate. It was well attended and there was a long line of people wanting to ask questions.

Jolene Kelley and Commissioner Carlson put a green team together and was able to get Courthouse Square EarthWISE certified

Upcoming Events: Art Supply Swap on April 28th.

AOR Conference in mid-June in Eugene, with Paul Hawken as the keynote speaker.

April 26- Brian, Jolene, and Alan Pennington will be on KUMZ radio talking about recycling

Future Agenda Topics:

Membership/Attendance: Julie Jackson and Chris Ream did not attend the meeting. Chris informed Stephanie by email before the meeting. Bailey welcomed Tim and April to the Council.

Meeting Review: Thanks were given to Jolene and AGR for their presentations. There were again problems with the doors and elevators, the Council asked that this be looked into. Jolene gave permission to add her cell phone number to the agenda so that if anyone in the future is locked out of the building during a meeting, they can call her to let them in.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm