



Management Update Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Scott Norris, Andrew Johnson, Brian May, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss Increased Traffic at Marion County Transfer Stations

- Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- There have been complaints from constituents of increased traffic from the transfer stations;
- There has been an increase of 2,300 cars from last month;
- There was a backup of 1.75 miles long to Cordon Road on Highway 22;
 - There were 175 vehicles queued up on Saturday; and
 - Public Works believed that it was going to be a one day issue, but it has been a constant weekend issue.
- In April 2020, North Marion County Transfer Station numbers had a lot longer queue traffic capacity to not impact road traffic:
 - Opened up on Sunday's to move traffic.
- Opened up Brown's Island on Saturday's to move traffic;
- Because of implementing COVID-19 precautions, it has slowed down transactions by 15 seconds per car, which adds up to serving 100 less cars a day;
- Opened up Salem-Keizer Transfer Station (SKRTS) a half hour early;
- Mr. Johnson has been staffing all three scales seven days a week;
- Looking into modifications of creating a third lane queue at SKRTS after the scale house;
- Republic is concerned with staff levels and financial hardships:
 - Increased volume hurts them based on the contract between the county.
- Marion County won declaratory judgment case with Capitol Recycling:
 - The county can direct where Capitol Recycling takes yard debris.
- Deployed traffic counters to get a better idea of how many cars are entering the recycling depot:
 - About half of the people are trying to enter the disposal area.

COVID-19 Update:

Summary of presentation:

Kevin Cameron:

- Senator Courtney called and offered his staff's help regarding the CARES Act funding application; and
- Received an email from Nik Blosser regarding Mill City opening all businesses on the Marion County Side.

Chad Ball:

- Marion County was the first to get COVID-19 information out in Spanish in March;
- In April, Marion County Health and Human Services released COVID-19 information by zip code, which allowed for outreach with different groups:
 - Marion County was the first to release COVID-19 information by zip code; and
 - Marion County created a mini grant program for outreach:
 - Only had two entities apply:
 - The City of Woodburn; and
 - Slavic Community Center.
- The county was moving against Oregon Health Authority's recommendations by releasing information by zip code; and
- Holding weekly Latinx meetings:
 - The commissioners would like a list of who has been attending the weekly meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*