

MARION COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner's Board Room  
Courthouse Square  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Members: Bob Anderson, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Will Postgate, Judy Skinner,  
Bonnie Sullivan  
Staff: Jolene Kelley, Brian May, Bailey Payne  
Public: Keith Bondaug-Winn, Chris Ream

ABESENT: Darby Randklev, Thomas Smith, Brian Sund

**CONSENT**

MOTION: Bonnie Sullivan moved to approve the February 2017 meeting minutes with discussion.  
Motion was seconded by Bob Anderson.

DISCUSSION: DEQ presentation was going to be included as an attachment instead of being included  
in the minutes. Under the Public Meeting laws is just supposed to be a summary of  
basically what was discussed and doesn't need to be verbatim of what was discussed, so  
noted.

RESULTS: Minutes approved with changes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):**

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

- Brian suggested we would ask for any additions to the current agenda or for tonight's agenda if anyone has any additions that they would like to put forward and we can put that on the agenda and discuss.
- The Budget Subcommittee was unable to meet this week and we were going to do a Budget Subcommittee presentation on that so I need to strike that off our agenda from the 6:10-6:40 PM time slot but the honorary Bailey Payne has an additional presentation that he can fill in that spot for us with some good information. Titled SB263 Update.

**OVERVIEW OF 2016 RECYCLING NUMBERS:**

- Bailey did a Power Point Presentation.

- Back in January/February we took the time to go through the previous year's numbers so we did a lot of the data gathering to see trends in the different programs that the county has a direct role in, managing. Chris, Keith, and Jolene I apologize to you in advance because you guys have already seen this presentation, maybe not quite with the updated slides but it will look pretty familiar to you.

#### **SENATE BILL 263 UPDATES:**

- Bailey gave a Power Point Presentation to update everyone on the new requirements.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS:**

- Bob introduced Keith Bondaug-Winn to the council. Keith has a major in Environmental Science so he will be able to bring to the council not just the answers to our questions, but ideas that we may not have thought about. Keith is also in the process of getting enough hours to become an official Master Recycler. With Keith's background he helped to identify some of the toxic run off in our creeks and rivers.
- Bonnie introduced Chris Ream to the council. Chris is presently employed at Habitat for Humanity for the Mid-Willamette Valley and he is really passionate about how we can reduce and repurposing waste. He is also in the process of getting enough hours to become an official Master Recycler.
- We would like to make a recommendation to move them forward to the council and the Board of Commissioners.
- Based on the Subcommittees recommendations I would like to ask the full committee to vote on accepting their recommendation for letting both Keith and Chris join the full committee and present to the board for their review and approval.
- Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Todd Irvine. All in favor and no opposition or discussion.
- Brian May added to that, one of the questions that were asked was how did you find out about SWMAC? Our local media Facebook was listed twice. So that part works and we are getting hits.
- From a nomination committee we would really like to get as many of you to help out as possible. Right now we have Bonnie and Bob and one other individual. We really need to get a better well rounded group. We really need to get a couple more people on the nomination committee. That would be helpful with that and also helpful if we were in a position where we didn't have a quorum. If we can get someone to say "hey, I would like to be on the nomination committee." That would be great.
- We definitely want to look at the Nomination Committee, Budget Sub Committee and possibly look at the Bylaws a little more. Brian thinks there is some extra work going forward in those areas so it would be nice to get some more representation and more of a balance between Members at Large and Industry and have some good representation in those subcommittees.
- One other thing we were talking about is that we occasionally run into a situation where someone's lifestyle has changed making it very difficult for them to be at the meetings. Our By-Laws have a requirement in terms of how many meetings you really need to attend per year particularly unattended meetings where you haven't been able to call in.
- I think what has been problematic in the past is the very uncomfortable discussion to have on a council when that individual is present. The goal is not to beat anybody up but to help best fit in their life where they need to fit. That is why the question was whether it is better for the chair

to have with that individual, or the By-Law committee to have with that individual before it becomes a full council issue.

- The statement of the absentee policy which was just done was perfect by the way. So there should be a conversation and Bailey and I were just talking about that with a member that has been absent three consecutive times with no knowledge or no notice to us. Then the question is do we want to take that process.
- Along those lines the positions that these gentleman are trying to fill is one Citizen at Large, which would be Keith. The other one would be Community Organization with would be Chris. This has not been filled for a number or years.

#### **CHANGING OF THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL NAME:**

- We kind of pitched it out last month. The thinking on this is when we first started the council in the first part of the 90's our goal was to figure out how to better manage Solid Waste. Over the years we've learned from looking at our recycling rates, that we've done a really good job of recycling things so they no longer become solid waste, they become a resource. Our thinking was should we, as a council, take a look at how our name represents what our function is. So I just kind of threw that out there because I always think about names like that. How do we get it together so that it is a really quick acronym? I can think of Marion County, Council for Marion County Resource Management. I haven't come up with anything yet that you can turn into an acronym like SWMAC. Has anyone else had a chance to think about that? How we come up with anything or is that my thinking or do you guys think that is something for us to do. In terms of paperwork change; You would make a change like that by adding it to the Bylaws a statement like "In the future the Solid Waste Management the Advisory Council will be known as the council for Resource Management or whatever name is chosen, so that way we could transition into it without changing all the paperwork.
- The idea is to shift away from the term of Solid Waste just from everything that is happening with DEQ and the reasons that kind of shows going back to Bailey's presentation how proactive that Marion County has been in the past. Has set it up for today with a lot of new DEQ requirements that we are already achieving because we have been over achievers. I like the idea that we may be setting a trend to move things into a better direction because this is what this group will be doing as we move forward.
- We will probably bring this back at the agenda meeting with further discussion.

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

##### Announcements:

- Earth Day at the Oregon Gardens is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

##### Staff Updates:

- Did you get the email about the Oregon Earth Gates School Summit? You are welcome to join us on the tours if you want to and check out the summit. Just let me know so that I can let the organizer know to expect you.
- The times are not set 100% yet. We will be visiting the Salem Smart Center which is where PGE has their battery backups. If you got this as an email, there is a link to a short video explaining

what it is all about. Then we will tour Garten Services and then the Northwest Hub the bicycle refurbishing place. So you can join us for part of the tours, the whole day. Likewise you can come to the Western Mennonite if you are interested just to check it out or stay the whole day whatever you would like.

- An email blast went out on tours list of dates of the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> and it was retracted. There was a little confusion amongst ourselves and what we were targeting there. There have been some ideas of inviting the city council members and others to attend. I think that we will try to separate these two trips. So that SWMAC has a chance to go and get in depth as that group.

#### Membership/Attendance:

- We kind of talked a little bit about membership. I think the plan is that we will have Thomas back next month, April.
- Mr. Darby was out on vacation today and we haven't heard from Brian so we will reach out to him and find out how things are going there.
- I know that the feedback about attendance is that it's important to let us know in advanced.
- Let you know too we have a third candidate to fill an open seat on SWMAC which is Rich Dysinger from the transfer station and the facility and he too is on vacation. We will be reconvening our nomination committee and we might ask if we can do that before our next meeting. It would be nice if we could get someone appointed today if they can be appointed today.
- Nominating committee. Any other volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee? Yes, Will Posegate will be on the committee. Do we need to do a motion for that? Yes, Bonnie made the motion that we put Will on the Nomination Sub Committee. Joe Fowler & Bob Anderson both seconded. All in favor. No opposition.

#### Meeting Review:

- Good information. Bailey, are you planning on sending out your video presentation. Yes, we are also going to be working on the SWMAC website with the presentations so that the public can see it. We will send you a link to the new page.
- I know that Bonnie has her bible of years of data. The intent is to put the information where it's accessible so if you want to go back with SWMAC information with the power point in the archive, you can.
- Motion to adjourn: Bob first, Todd seconded. All in Favor and no opposition.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.