

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

June 26, 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
 Staff: Brian May, Bailey Payne, Stephanie Pulvers
 Public: Matt Marler, Kevin Hines

ABSENT: Keith Bondaug-Winn, Joe Fowler, Brian Sund, April Murazzo, Tim Rice

CONSENT

MOTION: Bonnie moved to approve the May 2018 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: Will announced that he would be helping Kevin give an update on recycling compliance

Agilyx Presentation

John Desmarteau introduced himself as a project engineer at Agilyx Corporation. He explained that his job consists of a lot of outreach and trying to find ten tons of polystyrene per day for their facility, which they are currently receiving from both commercial and residential donors. John explained that Agilyx has been in business for a while, but has only been using their new and more efficient process since 2014. In this process, they use a continuous feed system to turn polystyrene into styrene monomer oil, which is then sold to a processor. Agilyx is also working on solutions for mixed plastic waste.

Time was allowed for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

Nomination Subcommittee Report/Introductions (Action)

Bonnie introduced Kevin Hines and gave a brief overview of his background and qualifications before making a motion to elect him to the Collection Representative position. Judy seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Bonnie introduced Scott Anderson and gave a brief overview of his background and qualifications before making a motion to elect him to the Disposal Representative position. Bob seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Update from MVGRA on Recycling Compliance

Kevin presented a list of outreach events, new materials, and recycling newsletters that MVGRA has been working on, as their commitment to educating the public on recycling right. At the beginning of the year, MVGRA hired a Recycling Coordinator (Reed) to help with all of these new outreach opportunities. MVGRA has also hired an outside consultant to assist them with their media releases, especially over touchy subjects, like decreased recycling service and increase in rates.

Will presented on sampling they've been doing on loads coming onto Garten. Between October 2017 and May 2018, Garten has sampled 360 trucks. Mixed plastics (3-7s) have fluctuated, but the amount of trash in the recycling cart has decreased since the announcement was made about the recycling changes in March. Kevin hopes that both numbers will continue to drop as the focus on outreach and education has really picked up since May.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Judy announced that she recently found out that canning jars cannot go in the small recycling basket. Judy wanted to let the group know that Marion County Environmental Services has two dish kits that can be checked out for events.

Judy shared that the AOR conference in June was a wonderful event.

Brian shared with the Council that Bonnie has been reappointed to SWMAC for another four year term.

Other Business:

None

Staff Updates:

Brian informed the Council that Griselda, one of the Waste Reduction Coordinators, is leaving MCES.

Brian announced that the Bylaws/Handbook Subcommittee would be getting together to review the handbook after the board had approved the bylaws revisions.

Future Agenda Topics:

Bonnie wanted to add discussion of the name change to the list of future agenda items.

Membership/Attendance:

All absent council members notified Stephanie that they would not be at the meeting.

Meeting Review:

Council thanked John for his presentation. It was suggested that standing the name plate on its edge to indicate desire to speak be reconsidered, as they are not steady enough on their edge.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm