

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

February 26, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner Conference Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Tim Rice, Brian Sund, Will Posegate, Julie Jackson, April Murazzo, Joe Fowler, Kevin Hines, Chris Ream, Scott Anderson
 Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Rosentrater, Commissioner Brentano, Jolene Kelley, Barbara Young
 Public: Willie Tiffany, Ian Davidson

ABSENT: Keith Bondaug-Winn

CONSENT

MOTION: Judy moved to approve the January 2019 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: None.

Discussion: Proposed Legislation for the 2019 Session - Willie Tiffany

Willie Tiffany of the Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association presented on the proposed cap and trade bill (HB2020) and how it would affect Marion County and landfills around the state. For reference, the bill mirrors California's cap and trade bill, but there will likely be many amendments/rewrites to the currently proposed bill before it is passed. Marion County's Waste-to-Energy facility would be exempt, but landfills would not, which would likely cause a rise in tipping fees.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Willie touched on the proposed Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) take-back program. It is a product stewardship program similar to PaintCare and the electronics take-back program. This is a little bit more difficult because there is such a wide range of products by many, many different producers. It is unclear how it will be set up. For Marion County, what it would mean is that a stewardship organization would work through the established infrastructure (Marion County's HHW Facility). To the customer, it would be almost the same as it is now, but the stewardship organization would offset some of the costs of HHW collection.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

There is also a proposed drug and pharmaceutical take-back program. It has been successful in particular counties in Washington and California. It would be retail-based, where customers could drop unwanted medication in a box at the pharmacy.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Lastly, there is a take-back program for mattresses, but it is not very specific on the process.

Discussion: Right-to-Repair Act, Ian Davidson

Ian is a member of the Board of Directors on the Oregon Citizen's Utility Board. He presented on HB2688, which is Right-to-Repair legislation that demands that parts, tools, and schematics are available, allowing consumers to repair items themselves. Legislation was passed in Massachusetts that is similar to this, but only has requirements for cars and car repairs. This quickly became a national standard for cars. This bill typically deals with electronics, but could be applied to other things and is meant to combat planned obsolescence.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Introduction: Barb Young

Barb is the County's Government Relations Manager and tracks legislative issues for the Board's Office. Barb wanted to let the Council know that if SWMAC ever wants to support a bill, they can inform Brian and have it taken to the Board of Commissioners, who will then consider supporting it as well. For example, HB2065 (Drug Take-back) is supported by the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (law enforcement). Having SWMAC support it from the environmental side would increase the Commissioners' interest in the bill.

Judy asked the Council if any of them see a disadvantage to the drug take-back legislation. Seeing as none of the Council members had any comments on the matter, Judy made a motion to bring SWMAC's support of HB2688 forward to the Board of Commissioners. April seconded the motion. There was some discussion over who would end up being the collectors of the material. Barb clarified that it would be the pharmaceutical industry that would be in charge of collection. All Council members were in favor of forwarding their recommendation on to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Judy announced that Bi-Mart is no longer accepting batteries for recycling, due to a corporate policy. Since there is a very low cost associated with collecting them for recycling in Marion County, Judy wanted to know if there is anything that the County can do to continue this program.

Judy also reported that she was just recently made aware of the limit of 5 gallons of paper in the yard debris cart. Brian will make sure that the Council gets updated on changes to the curbside collection program.

Other Business:

None.

Staff Updates:

Brian let the Council know that Bob Anderson had turned in his resignation. Chris asked if the Council could send a card or a letter recognizing him for his service. Brian confirmed that something would be done.

Brian also announced that with Bob's resignation, the Budget Subcommittee needed new members. Tim and Kevin both volunteered to be on it.

Brian also reported that the Master Recycler class continues to fill up quickly with the recycling market changes. Our third class since the market changes will begin in April.

The EarthWISE Luncheon is on March 6, 12pm-1pm.

Jessica Ramey has a Consumption Art Exhibit going from February 28- March 17 with a reception on March 9 from 12pm-3pm at Bush Barn Art Center

The State of the County address is on March 13 at Broadway Commons.

Future Agenda Topics:

None.

Membership/Attendance:

The only member absent was Keith, who had informed staff ahead of time.

Meeting Review:

Though she missed some of the meeting, Bonnie wanted to thank the guest speakers for presenting on current important legislation.

The Council was reminded that March's meeting had been moved up a week. It will be held on March 19.

Motion to close the meeting:

Bonnie motioned to adjourn the meeting. April Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm.