

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

June 25, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioner Conference Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Tim Rice, Julie Jackson, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Brian Sund, Will Posegate, Chris Ream,
Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Rosentrater, Commissioner Brentano, Jolene Kelley, Barb Young, Brian Nicholas
Public: Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Barbara Fuller, Kurt Tackman, Carolyn Stein, Christer Henrikson, Nick Isbister

ABSENT: April Murazzo, Joe Fowler, Kevin Hines, Scott Anderson

CONSENT

MOTION: Bonnie moved to approve the May 21 2019 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: None.

GEORGIA PACIFIC - JUNO TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Christer from Georgia Pacific (GP) presented the Juno technology that GP has recently pioneered. GP manufactures paper plates, cups, bowls, etc. and began looking for a way to recycle these products about 10 years ago. In 2013, a pilot plant was opened for testing. Waste is collected from select commercial facilities and taken to a collection facility, where it is compacted into bails and wrapped neatly, for ease of processing. From the collection facility, the bails of waste are sent to the Juno facility for processing. First they are sanitized, then any coatings or films are stripped off and material is separated by type. GP believes that with this technology, they can recover 90% of what is put through the process. At first, it will just be waste from select commercial facilities (amusement parks, airports, fast food restaurants, etc.), but they hope to expand that. The Toledo, Oregon location will be able to process 300 tons per day and will open in late 2020 or early 2021. Through the EPA's WARM model, it is expected that this technology will be carbon negative.

BRING EPR DISCUSSION

Carolyn Stein explained the background of BRING. BRING started in 1971 as a recycling drop-off center for bottles, cans, and glass (before curbside recycling was offered). Later, the reuse building material store was opened. Now, it houses an education center where workshops are offered and green building examples are displayed. BRING also contracts with Lane County to provide education and outreach regarding recycling, reuse, sustainability, and waste reduction. BRING runs a program called Rethink Business, similar to EarthWISE and a program to help contractors recover materials.

All of their work helped BRING identify the need for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) advocacy. The idea of EPR lines up well with the DEQ's Materials Management policy. Currently, there are three

EPR programs in Oregon: the Bottle Bill, PaintCare, and Oregon E-cycles. There are three major EPR bills for consideration during the current legislative session. The first is a household hazardous waste bill that puts part of the burden of disposing of hazardous waste back on the producer, rather than local governments. The second is a bill that requires mattress manufacturers to pay for collection of mattresses and implementation of mattress recycling programs. Mattress recycling is important because 95% of a mattress's materials can be recycled or reused. Mattresses are also difficult for transfer stations and landfills to handle. The third bill is a prescription drug take-back program that would require cities with populations exceeding 200,000 and every county to have drop-off sites for prescription drugs. It would also make disposing of unwanted drugs easier for rural communities with mail in options and more drop-off locations. This bill would help protect public health by keeping drugs out of the wrong hands and by keeping them out of waterways. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Barb gave a brief history of renewable energy credits and how they came to be in Oregon. To be able to sell their renewable energy credits to PGE, Covanta needed a clarification in the legislation and thus drafted SB451. SB451 would allow for utility companies to be able to purchase renewable energy credits to help meet the requirement of using 50% renewable energy by 2040, set forth by SB1547 in 2016.

SB451 ended up getting lumped in with HB2020 (cap and trade), which was a hot topic this legislative session. The bill died and was not able to be passed during the 2019 legislative session. Covanta not being able to sell their renewable energy credits to PGE will void their contract, which makes the future of Covanta uncertain. The contract between Covanta and Marion County ends on September 20, so the next few months will be spent figuring out what the next steps are.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Julie mentioned that AOR will be hosting a traveling roadshow of the film "the Story of Plastic" that she thinks SWMAC should sponsor in Marion County. The focus of the film is single-use plastics.

Staff Updates:

Brian explained the next steps to the four applicants and thanked them for being there. He announced that with Bob Anderson leaving the Council, it would be helpful to have another member on the Nomination Subcommittee. Keith volunteered.

Future Agenda Topics:

None.

Membership/Attendance:

All absent members were excused.

Meeting Review:

Keith thanked the guest speakers for their presentations.

Motion to close the meeting:

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Will seconded. Meeting adjourned.