

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

December 12, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM

Commissioners' Board Room
555 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Tim Rice, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Kevin Hines, Kurt Tackman, Will Posegate, Julie Jackson, Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis
Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Rosentrater, Jolene Kelley, Andrew Johnson, Thomas Kissinger
Public: Carroll Johnston, Matt Marler, Steve Simmons, Jennifer Porter, Bradley Kelley, Tracy Loew, Laurie Dougherty

ABSENT: Scott Anderson, Joe Fowler, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, April Murazzo

CONSENT

MOTION: Kevin moved to approve the October 22, 2019 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: None.

Vote to Fill Vice-Chair Vacancy

Brian informed the Council that April Murazzo had resigned, due to relocation for work. Because of her resignation, the Council needed to elect a new Vice-Chair to carry out the remainder of the term. Kaileigh nominated herself to replace April as Vice-Chair. Will motioned to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis carry out the rest of the term as Vice-Chair. Julie seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Kaileigh thanked the Council for their votes and informed them that she had a conversation with April about April's vision for the Council and the progress that she has seen thus far. Kaileigh joined the Council to be a valuable member of her community and participate in thoughtful discussion. Kaileigh and April's visions align well and Kaileigh is excited to continue April's work.

Vote to Elect Matt Marler to the Disposal Industry Position

Due to a change in his position at Covanta, Scott Anderson is no longer able to be the Disposal Industry Representative on the Council. Matt Marler of Covanta has been attending meetings in his place and was interviewed to be an "alternate" (a program for industry members that did not end up gaining any traction) in July of 2018. Kevin motioned to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Matt Marler fill the Disposal Industry Representative position on the Council. Will seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

GBB Presentation – Facilities Feasibility Study

Brian introduced Steve Simmons, Jennifer Porter, and Brad Kelley of Gershman, Brickner & Bratton (GBB). GBB has been hired to perform a solid waste system feasibility study and site analysis for Marion County. Information gathered and projections made in this study will be used in the creation of a

Facilities Master Plan, which will be a part of the overall master planning effort for Marion County Environmental Services. Brian wants the input of SWMAC so that he can take any of their recommendations to the Board of Commissioners with the final GBB report in late January.

GBB explained that they've been in the business of solid waste and recycling consulting to local government for 40 years. Steve Simmons is the President of GBB, Jennifer Porter is a Vice President and part owner of the company, and Brad Kelley is a Senior Project Engineer. All three presented on their findings regarding Marion County's solid waste system.

GBB presented the attached PowerPoint presentation.

After the presentation, GBB opened the floor for discussion. The Council reported that they would like to see an analysis of greenhouse gases related to all of the transfer of garbage and recycling that is currently taking place. They would like to see the true disposal cost for residents. The Council also mentioned that there was not much about reuse and how focusing on reduction and reuse could help with capacity issues. All of these items will be discussed and addressed in the forthcoming Materials Management Master Plan planning effort.

GBB pointed out that this report is to assist in planning for the next 50 years. The facilities in Marion County, in their current states, will not last for 50 more years. Improvements will have to be made and new facilities will have to be built.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Judy handed out some information she has been collecting for several years regarding the prices of commodities. She wanted to point out that these are the numbers that drive rate increases. When the prices drop for the processor, the processor has to charge the haulers more, and in turn the haulers charge the customer more.

Staff Updates:

Brian wanted to let the Council know that Bonnie had a knee injury and was sorry that she could not attend. Brian wanted to thank the Council for attending the meeting, even though it was scheduled for an irregular date and time.

Membership/Attendance:

There are now 2 citizen-at-large positions, 1 chamber of commerce position, and 1 community organization position available. April intended to lead a discussion on attendance, but with her abrupt departure, it will have to be moved to another time.

Meeting Review:

None.

Motion to close the meeting:

Will motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.