



**MARION COUNTY**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
MEETING MINUTES

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**Thursday, June 22, 2021 @ 5:30pm**  
**In-person and WebEx**

PRESENT      Members:                Bonnie Sullivan, Joe Fowler  
                 Staff:                        Brian May, Pattie Phillips, Dakota Tangredi, Tom Kissinger, Rachel Van Hoert  
                 WebEx:                      Keith Bondaug-Winn, Brian Sund, Kevin Hines, Kyle Elwood, Ryan Zink, Kurt Tackman,  
   Julie Jackson, Tim Rice, Judy Skinner, Commissioner Willis

ABSENT                                Will Posegate, Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis, Matt Marler

QUORUM : Yes

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)**

**Keith Bondaug-Winn called meeting to order at 5:30**

**Member and Staff Introductions:** Done

**Approval of March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Bonnie moved to approve minutes; Joe seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

**Approval of May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Ryan moved to approve minutes; Kurt seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

**Public Input:** None

**Master Recycler Update**

Dakota Tangredi presented a PowerPoint presentation called ‘Rethinking Master Recyclers: Towards a Community Driven Network.’ Marion County is looking to begin a new recycling program that is less recycling heavy to more materials management. The focus would also be to authentically engage a new demographic of people.

Discussion regarding the presentation included how cities are working to create their own program based on their needs and population. It would be a free program, as opposed to the \$25 fee that is part of the Master Recyclers Program. A program could have different cohorts that are able to focus on one aspect of materials management with measurable outcomes. The program will be intended to reach out to people/resources that currently recycle, like the Master Recyclers or Earthwise, as well as people who may not have historically been approached to recycle.

## Unsheltered Waste Management Subcommittee

Ryan Zink gave an update on what the City of Salem is doing regarding the Unsheltered. It is working on cleaning up Cascades and Wallace Marine Parks by partnering with non-profit organizations and Covanta.

There will be coordination between Marion County and Gretchen regarding putting together a playbook. Dakota and Rachel are reaching out to Gretchen.

## Nomination Subcommittee Update

Joe Fowler presented the recommendations of the nomination subcommittee:

- 1) Recommending to the full committee to change the chamber at large position to a Citizen-at-large position. It was felt it would be easier to fill it with a Citizen-at-large position.
- 2) Discussion of changing the bylaws to bring on term limits. Reenergize the people who are with the council. Rotating chair/vice chair position. Both Keith and Kaleigh said that they are burned out. Have the chair/vice chair to move among the council to create interaction.
- 3) Change the industry position to Citizen-at-large positions, but would not vote on the main committee but could vote on subcommittees. Basically, they would be there for advisory help.
- 4) Possibly reduce the number of meetings from 1x/month to less.

There was discussion regarding making a full meeting into a work session to discuss the above possibilities. Keith proposed that at the next agenda planning meeting that these four items be discussed at the next Council meeting.

**Motion:** Kyle motioned to change the Chamber-at-large position be changed to a Citizen-at-large and making the bylaws changes if the motion passes. Judy thought that a change like this needs to be taken to the BOC. Brian clarified that changes to the bylaws should go to the Bylaws Committee and eventually sent to the BOC but that voting to change the position was fine. Judy seconded the motion.

This motion will need to be discussed in the Bylaws Committee. The committee was asked if anyone wanted to join the Bylaws Committee which is currently comprised of Bonnie, Keith, Will, Julie and Ryan. Kyle asked how the process works with the Bylaws committee.

## Officer Nominations – No Action

There was discussion regarding the recommendations of the nominations committee and that it was time to review the bylaws, look at the culture, share the burden, look at ourselves and our time

commitment with the SWMAC council.

Discussion on how much work it takes to be chair/vice-chair. Discussion about possible volunteers, possible co-chairs. It was decided to table the discussion.

## **FUTURE TOPICS / EMERGING ISSUES / OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Emerging Issues**

It was decided that the committee would use zoom for future meetings.

### **Staff announcements**

Rachel shared that the next day was the kick off for the Immanuel Lutheran food container program. Commissioner Willis thanked Rachel for taking on this project.

Dakota announced that the Master Recyclers would be at the County Fair July 9-11.

### **Council member announcements and updates**

Ryan shared that on Monday night, the City Council held a work session that was called “Solid Waste One on One.” This was an opportunity for staff to get a brief overview and see how different solid waste facilities interact. It also turned into a discussion regarding what the city council will do to help reduce consumption and trash/solid waste creation. He is encouraged by the council’s desire to make changes.

Kyle asked if he could be added to the bylaws sub-committee.

Kevin wanted to let the group know that there was a small fire at the MRRF. No serious damage.

Judy shared that Garten will be at the Marion County Fair and are not sure what the numbers will look like. There will be fewer vendors, and it will only be three days instead of four. Asked for people who were interested in working at the Fair for about \$12/hour.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Keith adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm. Kyle moved. Ryan seconded. A voice vote was unanimous – motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.