

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2022
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Attendance 'in person' or via Zoom

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan
Members via Zoom: Brian Sund, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Kyle Elwood, Ryan Zink, Tim Rice, Will Posegate, Joe Fowler

Staff: Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Dakota Tangredi, Natalie Tomaszewski

Guests present via Zoom: Travis Cornwell (Covanta), Greta Ossman

ABSENT: Kevin Hines

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done

Approval of October 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Will moved to approve minutes; Keith seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Approval of November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None

Zoom Procedures

Bonnie stated that the new meeting procedures are that during a presentation, members will be muted and will need to utilize the 'raise-hand' emoji after to speak. Members will be unmuted in the order that they 'raise their hands'.

Unsheltered Playbook

Rachel thanked the Council for their help and suggestions. Rachel stated if anyone would like the playbook to direct them to Rachel so she can monitor who is assessing it during the first 45 days.

Ryan thanked the staff for all their work on the playbook. Ryan recommended to send it to the Commissioners as an information item, instead of waiting for their approval before getting out to the community.

Brian Sund also thanked the staff for their efforts on the playbook. Brian suggested sending the playbook through Commissioner Willis, the SWMAC's liaison, as an informative piece. Brian mentioned having hard copies available; Rachel stated if people reach out, she would be able to provide that.

Ryan moved to approve passing the Unsheltered Playbook to Commissioner Willis as an informative piece, Will seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Recycle Revitalization Information Act

Julie shared her screen and presented to the Council. She focused on showing how much less waste we are sending overseas.

Ryan thanked Julie for her presentation. He commented that he is looking forward to seeing that information being presented to the public.

Greta asked if anyone knew Washington State's stance on this; Julie stated that Washington landed on taking a much smaller stance than Oregon and California did.

Rachel will send out the DEQ talking points about bioplastics later on.

Material Management Report

Will shared his screen and presented to the Council. Will showed the material management process at Garten.

Will commented that the Truth in Labeling Task Force is in the data collection and information phase before the recommendations are made.

Bonnie stated that a different Council member was going to do the Materials Management Report every month.

Budget Subcommittee Report

Brian M. stated that the last meeting went over the budget that was submitted for internal review.

Brian M. touched on some bigger projects such as continuing the EarthWISE grant program and in house marketing. Brian also mentioned that they are seeing an increase in waste generation, which means more money going to managing that. Finally, Brian stated that SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) is now offering a zero-waste training and he is hoping to open a training to SWMAC members, key stakeholders, etc.

Brian also mentioned that they have been padding their budget over the years for capital improvement projects, such as the investment of SKRTS over the next year. He also stated that Environmental Services plans on doing a land purchase as well.

Goal Planning

Rachel stated the Council members will be broken into their assigned groups: Multi-family (Brian S., Julie, Kyle and Judy), Construction & Demolition (Bonnie, Joe, Kevin, Greta and Will) and Unsheltered Waste (Keith, Ryan, Travis and Tim). The assigned groups utilized their goal planning worksheets that were sent out prior to the meeting.

Rachel mentioned there was a fourth goal focused on Education/Outreach and partnering with an outside organization.

Unsheltered: Rachel stated this goal group will be discussing via email before the next meeting.

C&D: Tom stated that they discussed a policy standpoint and working with different organizations and the potential for auditors. Tom stated that C&D would make sense as a subcommittee and will also be discussing further via email.

Multi-family: Dakota stated that this goal group discussed the barriers for multi-family recycling. He stated that they will also be discussing further via email before the next meeting.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Updates

Rachel stated she is going to keep the SWMAC updated on the mobile laundry facility/rental to gather data. She also mentioned that starting next week, every Wednesday, there will be a highlight of the material management winners, and their projects, on the Environmental Services social media.

Dakota stated he is planning on doing a Repair Fair in May with Silver Falls library. He mentioned he recently had a cafeteria/food waste audit for North Salem High School and the reusable trays for Silver Falls school district are on the way from the durable grant.

Brian stated that DEQ shared the draft 2020 recovery numbers and it showed we are up slightly. He also shared that Juno technology, in Toledo OR, was sent test loads and hopefully by April will have concrete recovery numbers.

Council Member announcements/updates

Brian Sund gave a summary of how the Special Olympics Polar Plunge went. He also shared that another event the SWMAC could be involved with in the Ironman coming up on July 10th.

Brian mentioned the SWMAC handbook and Bonnie stated that it will be updated in the future when the new bylaws and handbook are approved.

Kyle asked about the grants that available for organizations within the county; Brian May commented that the current grant cycle is closed but there will be another one starting next year and Rachel would be the contact for that.

Meeting Attendance

Kevin Hines was absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie stated that the meeting was very educational. Brian Sund seconded.

Keith Bondaug-Winn thanked the staff for putting together the attendance tracker.

Joe thanked Will and Julie for their presentations.

The 2022 workplan agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Motion: Ryan moves to adjourn, Will seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm*