

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 28, 2022
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion Resource Recovery Facility: Attendance in-person

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Travis Cornwell, Ryan Zink, Kyle Elwood, Kevin Hines, Will Posegate

Staff: Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert

Guests present: None

ABSENT: Keith Bondaug-Winn and Joe Fowler

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done

Approval of May 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Julie moved to approve minutes; Ryan seconded. Kyle Elwood would like it added to the minutes that certain types of metals could be taken local haulers. Ryan commented on a typo with the minutes. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes with suggested corrections.

Public Input: None

Other Business:

Brian May made a point to include the reappointment of Bonnie Sullivan and Kevin Hines, that happened in April, in this month's meeting minutes.

Brian May suggested of having food ready at 5 p.m. for the meeting to have networking before the meeting to not interfere with the meeting. Another suggestion would be having

staff updates supplied before the meeting or as a printout during the meeting to not take up time during the meeting.

Implementation of C&D Goal:

Rachel gave a quick review of the C&D goal and stated it sounded like the focus would be on having materials being processed here at the MRRF. She also stated that Marion County staff wanted to make sure the SWMAC had the same understanding of what C&D meant within Marion County.

Brian May presented a road map for the next few months for the C&D Goal. June is making sure everyone is on the same page, July would be an opportunity for bringing in contractors to discuss their dealings with materials and their dilemmas and August would potentially be looking at ODOT/DAS and the contract side of things and making sure we are handling the C&D waste correctly. Finally, the September meeting would be what do we want to do with the information that has been gathered or does the SWMAC want to recommend any actions.

Judy asked how that fit into the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle hierarchy; Brian stated they would discuss that tonight and they would try to tie that back in the recovery along with what the MRRF does as the management of materials as changed over the years.

Bonnie asked how many EarthWISE businesses we had that were contractors; Rachel stated she had five and Brian commented that we could discuss having them join the SWMAC meeting in July. Judy asked how many of those businesses were commercial and how many were residential; Rachel stated that four are more focused on newer builds and one of them is primarily remodel and renovation.

The SWMAC discussed what the definition of what C&D waste is and decided upon items that the MRRF is actually pursuing (metals and wood primarily), along with the recovery value and total life of the material.

Kyle asked if sheetrock made in China still has asbestos issues; Kevin stated sheetrock having asbestos is always an issue, but the challenge is how to identify if the sheetrock has asbestos or not. Brian stated he believes the regulation is sheetrock prior to 2007 must be tested.

Kevin also stated there was a market for sheetrock but didn't know if it was financially feasible, along with plastics, lights and paint.

The Council discussed how Marion County was doing in terms of materials management.

Ryan asked Rachel what qualifies contractors to be an EarthWISE contractor; Rachel stated they start with the core certification, the industry standards of materials being recycled, lowering their toxic loads and a plan is in place for materials management.

Ryan asked about what being done when the materials are first being handled and how they are being utilized for their best use; Rachel stated that would be included in the new industry launch. Kevin stated it was hard to compare the data that was presented because things are constantly changing so it's hard to predict what will happen in the future based on what's happened in the last few years.

Kyle commented on the cost factor of materials management; Brian May shared for the discussion on C&D, we don't want to ignore that factor. Julie stated that comes from the PROs, the Producer Responsibility Organization, and we should be looking at the big picture of materials management. Brian asked the Council to think about a ranking for the materials that were listed.

Ryan suggested going through an exercise to figure out what materials we would like to manage, look at the cost and profit of managing those materials and have the ability to revisit those plans when/if the market changes. Brian May stated the ranking assessment should come before the adding a dollar amount; Kevin agreed and stating the market is constantly changing.

Kyle brought up the idea of paying for someone to use a material instead of paying a higher cost to toss or recycle it; Ryan commented that would also be a lesser environmental impact. Judy commented paying people to take items is a lot of monitoring.

Julie brought up the idea of eco-modulation and whether it be the manufacturer's responsibility to factor in the cost of disposal.

Brian May asked how the Council thought Marion County was doing on collecting materials; Kevin stated if we are going to worry about leakage, there has to be a place to take it first and that's an issue. Brian commented about leakage within Marion County such as Brown's Island and informing people of the recycling facilities within Marion County.

Kyle asked if demolition required a permit; Brian May commented that within City limits, we can't require one but outside we can, but then comes the concept of scope and volume, although we can help direct to locations for disposal. Ryan suggested a process of having any projects above a threshold require a permit.

Brian May commented that SKRTS is very busy location, and they are looking at the accessibility piece as we are wanting the C&D materials to go to the MRRF.

Brian May commented that Donald's interchange project is ODOT's priority number one but the interchange by the MRRF is in the process. Kevin asked about the possibility of a turn lane; Brian May commented that would be in the plans for the interchange. Will commented that this will take many, many years as there are many aspects, such as environmental, traffic, and land, that play into a project like that.

Kyle asked why we can't put another lane for the recycling to bypass the dumping line at SKRTS; Brian May stated we would look into taking the contractor and yard debris volume out of the way, along with educating people on the other locations that they can take their materials.

Brian May asked the Council what questions they had that they wanted to ask the contractors for the next meeting. Future questions for the contractors include: what are they taking and where? What would they like to see and what would it take? What's their biggest issue with disposal of C&D waste? Do they know how to make it easier for the system to recover the C&D waste? What's the best way to get information out to them?

Bonnie suggested getting a list of the contractors in Marion County in order to send information to them.

Judy commented that we want a variety of contractors to discuss with. The Council would like to discuss with: a remodeler, our EarthWISE folks and sustainable architects with work with contractors.

In a future meeting, they would like to discuss with a City representative about permitting and enforcement, along with realtors.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Council Member Updates

Bonnie commented that Sherry Litner, Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator, was looking for volunteers for the Marion County Fair. She thanked everyone for using their green dots for discussion and to continue using them in the future.

Judy stated there were jobs at the Marion County Fair for sorting and hauling garbage for anyone interested who is 16&up and vaccinated.

Brian Sund stated Iron Man is also looking for volunteers and they don't require vaccination.

Meeting Attendance

Keith Bondaug-Winn and Joe Fowler were absent.

Meeting Review

Will stated the meeting participation was good, the meeting was great, and he looks forward to having the visitors at the next meeting.

Bonnie is glad Travis is officially a part of the SWMAC.

Brian May stated the next meeting may be at Courthouse Square.

Rachel shared the EarthWISE Luau event went well with 73 folks attend and working towards a zero-waste event went well. The EarthWISE businesses are looking forward to more events in the future.

Motion: Will moves to adjourn, Ryan seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, July 26, 5:30-7:30pm*