

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2022
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Commissioners Board Room: Attendance in-person

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Judy Skinner, Julie Jackson, Travis Cornwell, Ryan Zink, Kyle Elwood, Kevin Hines, Keith Bondaug-Winn

Staff: Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Commissioner Willis, Natalie Tomaszewski

Guests present: None

ABSENT: Will Posegate 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 June 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ryan moved to approve minutes; Kevin seconded. A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes with suggested corrections.

Public Input: None.

Implementation of C&D Goal:

Rachel shared a C&D goal presentation that showed responses, to the questions the SWMAC put together, from contractors and an overview on who the contractors are.

Ryan commented on the Senate Bill 582 for residential needs; Tom explained that Senate Bill 582 would include a community needs assessment that DEQ is about to do which will look into what could be in a community and what organizations would pay into. Julie commented

this first round will probably be largely residential and will focus mostly on plastics. Kevin commented about the sustainability of asphalt recycling.

Julie shared a PRO (producer responsibility organization) will probably be coming in the future with this bill. Judy asked about the medicine take back and mattress take back; Julie stated they weren't addressed much with this bill.

Kevin commented about K&E construction and the issue of limited locations for disposal and the time required to wait in line at locations. Kevin shared that K&E believes the MRRF is central to their projects.

Judy asked about Dalke and the storage of chemical waste for quarterly pickups. Julie commented there are companies that are licensed and able to do those pickups. Tom commented it might be education.

Rachel shared contractors stated an online guide to get information out was suggested.

The Council had discussions about the questions. Kevin commented on doing research for the guide as there was information that the SWMAC wasn't sure about. Bonnie talked about oil delivered to your house and having that information ready for them.

Keith thanked Rachel for the survey and commented there seemed to be a specialization for each contractor and suggested having a larger swath of contractors. He also commented about making as easy as possible for contractors to find information.

Judy commented she would be interested in how many of them use the Recycle Guide. Tom commented about in-house, hands-on training about BMPs for Marion County's training and potentially creating a model that we could use in the future.

Ryan made a comment regarding the cost to the contractor. Some questions that were brought forward were: Is there a market for it? Is recycling shingles cost effective?

Commissioner Willis asked about how the PROs work; Julie stated there are a lot of meetings going on right now with how those work and who would pay. Julie stated national companies have to pay a special fee for products in Oregon. The program doesn't start until July 2025, so DEQ has that much time to get it right or at least get it started. Tom stated the struggle was Maine and Oregon are the only two states that have this legislation. Judy commented there

are programs in place right now such as PaintCare, systems surrounding sodas, cars, tires and electronics. Julie commented the cost is very minimal and doesn't cover the cost of recycling.

Rachel commented that larger contractors might know about more locations than the smaller contractors.

Bonnie that construction contractors are the most regulated entity in the state of Oregon. Bonnie commented the guides are a wonderful idea, along with the idea of hands-on training.

A future question for contractor would be whether or not the current climate in construction, price of materials and supply chain issues, increase the likelihood of reusing materials.

Kevin commented that the guide for the contractor would be beneficial so they know where they can take items. Julie thought the timing for a guide is good and would ease into proper disposal before it's potentially mandated.

Tom commented that maybe an onsite consultant might be an option of a service that we provide. Lane County offers something like that currently.

Bonnie commented Public Works used to have a construction guide. Bonnie shared we could acquire the contractors' contact information through the Construction Contractors Board. Judy asked who that would include, and Bonnie stated it would include the licensed contractors within Marion County. Julie asked if there was a statewide contractors board; Bonnie commented that there is.

Tom discussed the contracts that these contractors would use; contracts can create demand. He stated it would be interesting to hear from the folks would are writing those contracts.

Rachel shared who they were thinking about inviting to future SWMAC meetings and who the Council might want, along with what they wanted to ask.

Materials Management:

Travis shared his involvement and background with Materials Management with the Advisory Council.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Willis asked why you can't recycle shredded paper in the bin; Kevin stated that people come along with other items in with the shredded paper, along with containment issues when picking up the garbage.

The Council and Commissioner Willis had discussions on recycling mechanisms that have been seen in other areas, along with the pros and cons of those systems.

Bonnie thanked Dakota and Rachel for the staff update print out.

Council Member Updates

Judy stated that there will be a Repair Fair on September 24th from 12-3pm in Gates at the Tool Library.

Ryan shared at last night's Salem City Council, the largest rate increase since 2018 was approved. They also brought a 20 gallon every other week service to Salem, which brings up the topic of what the community needs and how do they determine rates for those needs. The Council made a motion to have City staff prepare a solid waste policy for Council review that considers equitable service provision and rates, climate action plan elements and Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act, along with review of service options of other cities and counties. Ryan commented he envisions forming a group similar to the SWMAC that advises the City of Salem.

Kyle asked about every other week service; Ryan stated it didn't have an effect on the weekly compost and recycling service.

Kyle commented that there wasn't much incentive with reduced waste production with those services. Commissioner Willis shared that he believed it should be pounds per person, not pounds per household for trash generation.

The Council had discussions regarding household waste generation, recycling costs and disposal rates. Keith commented that the City of Salem needs a task force, as Ryan shared, to access the community's needs.

Bonnie asked the Council to write down December 6th as their holiday dinner.

Meeting Attendance

Will Posegate and Joe Fowler were absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie commented the meeting was very informational and appreciated it being in person. Brian Sund seconded her statement.

Bonnie reminded the Council on the reasoning behind the green cards, which indicate when someone has something to say.

Keith thanked staff for the food provided. He appreciated the meeting being at the Commissioners' Board Room.

Ryan commented that he appreciated the new location as well and liked the conversations that happened. He apologized for the rabbit trail side topics.

Commissioners Willis stated his favorite part of the meeting was the rabbit trail.

Motion: Keith moves to adjourn, Brian Sund seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, September 27, 5:30-7:30pm*