

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2022
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Commissioners Board Room: Attendance in-person

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

Staff: Rachel VanWoert, Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski

Guests present: None

ABSENT: Brian Sund and Joe Fowler

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Approval of August 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None.

Sustainability in C&D Contracts:

Rachel shared a presentation that showed the contracting process and touched base on sustainability aspects. Rachel specifically focused on contract examples of the process DAS uses.

Ryan stated if he was hearing right, there has to be a market for the material being taken out, so there's a market for the concrete which is dependent on how much can be recovered from a job site and the regional market for that material.

Rachel showed some aspects of the process which included sustainable procurement, materials, a project management plan, waste management plan and sustainability checklists. The waste management plan will form the basis for targets on site methods, responsibilities and so forth.

Rachel went into detail on what the sustainability checklists, the RFP and waste material logs are comprised of, along with how the process can help shape policy and support other entities and communities.

Bonnie asked if we were mostly looking at commercial contracting; Rachel confirmed that was correct, but aspects of these could be applied to smaller projects.

Travis asked if they stated how successful this program was and if contractor were sticking to their diversion rates; Rachel shared the challenges comes with its contracting between nongovernment entities and others that need some education.

Brian May commented that guidance is sometimes not there with smaller contractors and commented that some of the incentives are not paying the penalty.

Bonnie commented that contractors must be in compliance with the Construction Contractors Board, the Department of Revenue and ethics laws. She also shared there needs to be education on what penalties there are if they aren't in compliance.

Rachel asked Julie if she saw lots of items that could be recycled, coming through Coffin Butte; Julie stated yes and believes that contractors are looking for an area where concrete can be recycled.

Brian May asked if anyone was aware of any jurisdictions in Marion County that require any kind of recovery numbers for construction or remodel; Ryan commented that he wasn't aware of any.

Keith asked if there were programs at different levels of organizations that is similar that we could look into implementing; Brian May commented that Portland has some policies on

remodeling with construction and recovery, but there is nothing on the statewide level for Oregon. Keith commented the checklist could be applied to any level of the organization. Brian agreed that there is a big opportunity for education.

Julie stated that we have to create circularity. For example, if we wanted to compost more material, there should be an incentive for the composters and a market for that product. Julie also brought up the idea of recycled carpet; there isn't a place to take it and until we figure that out, we can't recycle carpet so we can't really require recycling it if there isn't a place to recycle it.

Brian May stated a big component was having a facility within Marion County that has the means to recover but now we do. He agreed with Julie's comment about making sure we have a market to accept those materials.

Julie stated that Oregon doesn't have recycled content laws so Oregon can help create those markets by passing legislation that requires recycled content.

Kevin agreed with Brian May's comment about sustainable markets. He also commented that within Oregon, the contractors have a small window to complete their jobs and we would make it cost effective for them.

Judy asked what recycled content Julie referenced earlier; Julie commented that you could require recycled content be used in some way. Ryan brought up the example of paper bags with having a 40% or 20% recycled requirement.

Bonnie pointed back to the concept of sustainable markets with the example of making rugs out of pop cans and that that market fell flat.

Rachel discussed what the Council would work through at next month's meeting, which would be having the City of Salem walk through a case study with the Council discussing that process.

Brian May shared that there is probably more recovery occurring than we think because those contractors are avoiding costs. He asked the Council how we would take that a step further and if there was any other information the Council would like before the case study meeting next month.

Judy asked if Marion County had any recent projects that would make a good case study; Brian May commented the City of Salem case study is a good example of what to do, along with others within the area such as Benton County's administration building. Keith asked if Marion County has a business registry and influence on the existing market in this region; Brian stated they have been looking at drywall and the role they play is looking at how do they make those recommendations.

Judy asked about the place that was doing drywall in Turner; Brian May stated they weren't willing to work with others or follow the rules. Kevin stated there was a market out there, but the question is if it will be financially stable and consistent. Julie stated she believes that there is the technology to recycle everything but its just a matter of creating an economy that can sustain the cost.

Brian May commented that contractors may not always choose an incentive, but they will avoid a penalty such as raising the cost of disposal versus recycling that material.

Julie brought up the idea of getting the highest and best use out of materials, such as compost. She commented that getting the compost back into agricultural fields is higher best use for it but not the most cost effective.

Brian stated this is hopefully a time, with the change in recycling and waste, that Marion County can help create opportunities. Kevin agrees that this is a market that hasn't been tapped into yet.

Materials Management:

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

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Brian May shared that Marion County staff will be taking the franchise agreement for SKRTS to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Council Member Updates

Bonnie stated the Council needs to change the date on their calendars for the holiday dinner to December the 13th.

Judy stated the AOR conference will be in Bend on October 26th-28th this year.

Bonnie shared that Bob Anderson's Celebration of Life will be October the 7th and will pass on the details to Natalie to be distributed.

Meeting Attendance

Brian Sund and Joe Fowler were absent.

Meeting Review

Keith thanked Rachel for her presentation.

Bonnie shared she thought there was a good discussion.

Motion: Will moves to adjourn, Kevin seconds.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, October 25, 5:30-7:30pm*