

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28, 2023
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Judy Skinner, Ryan Zink, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Kyle Elwood, Joe Fowler, Travis Cornwell

Staff: Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Rachel VanWoert

Guests present: Lieutenant Landers – Marion County Sherriff’s Office, Jane Vetto – Marion County Legal Department, Scott Gagner

ABSENT: Julie Jackson, Will Posegate, Brian Sund, Kevin Hines

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Bonnie Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Brian suggested moving staff updates and the Handbook Refresher to the beginning of the agenda.

Approval of January 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None.

Council Member Announcements:

Brian Sund will be doing his materials management update next month.

Bonnie asked Ryan to update the Council on the C&D Subcommittee update.

Ryan shared that they did a whiteboard exercise for their goals and focused on how they can get the information out to the public.

Staff Updates:

Keith asked if the contractors are going to the MRRF now and if there was an information list; Brian shared they moved them to the MRRF to alleviate traffic at the transfer stations and so far, it's working well. Multiple letters were sent to the contractors, along with noticing the change on our website. Judy asked how many were transferred over; Brian shared they still have some coming to the transfer stations but around two tons less are coming to the transfer stations.

Handbook Refresher:

Jane Vetto shared her presentation on legal considerations for advisory boards with the Council. Some of the topics that were covered were public meetings, record retention, conflicts of interest and the code of ethics associated with being on a Marion County advisory board. The Council also participated in some hypothetical situations that demonstrated what advisory board members can and cannot do.

Bonnie noted that a lot of what Jane was discussing is in the SWMAC Handbook.

Brian stated that next month we will probably do a Kahoot on the bylaws and Handbook.

Bonnie mentioned that Council members should be careful about what they're sending via email and thanked Jane for her presentation.

Clean-Ups in Marion County:

Lieutenant Landers described his background in code enforcement and gave his presentation on the clean-up efforts that have happened and are happening in Marion County. Lt. Landers shared that they have three full time deputies assigned to code enforcement and they spend most of their time with the East Salem Service District (ESSD).

Some of the issues they deal with are noise complaints, road hazards, solid waste, driveway issues and abandoned vehicles.

Keith asked about the ESSD boundaries and code enforcement with the City of Salem; Lt. Landers shared they focus on the relationships when it comes to those cases and the enforcement side of things can be tough but focus on making it workable for that situation.

Landers gave some examples of the situations that they deal with and went in depth on how they tackled those issues.

Ryan asked how the County is addressing motor homes; Lt. Landers shared they're complex because of the dismantling regulations around that. The tow companies take a loss when they

haul motorhomes because of the high cost of disposal. Lt. Landers stated they try to not let the motorhomes “grow roots” and the deputies have resource packets on them when they’re patrolling that they can provide.

Rachel asked about meth fire demolitions; Lt. Landers stated he doesn’t see those nearly as often as before and the process is very long for clearing, potentially cleaning and obtaining or auctioning the property.

Lt. Landers shared there’s crossover and collaboration between Public Works Building Inspection building code and these clean ups that Code Enforcement handles.

Staff Updates

Rachel shared the details of the upcoming Earth Day event on April 22 at Spong’s Landing Park and gave an update on the EarthWISE businesses.

Brian May shared what Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) has been working on and brought the idea of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan forward.

Judy Skinner shared that Oregon Association of Recyclers is having their forum about Food Waste on April 13th at Kennedy School in Portland and they recently had a successful repair fair in Silverton. They have one coming up in May in Woodburn and another during the County Fair in Keizer.

Kyle Elwood put in his resignation effective immediately.

Meeting Attendance

Julie Jackson, Will Posegate, Brian Sund and Kevin Hines were absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie thanked Lt. Landers and Jane Vetto for their presentations.

Motion: Joe moves to adjourn, Ryan seconds.

Discussion: None.

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:30-7:30pm*