

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2023
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

PRESENT: Members in person: Bonnie Sullivan, Scott Gagner, Judy Skinner, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Joe Fowler, Julie Jackson, Kevin Hines, Brian Sund

Staff: Brian May, Natalie Tomaszewski, Rachel VanWoert

Guests present: Alvin Klausen – Marion County Board’s Office

ABSENT: Ryan Zink, Travis Cornwell, Will Posegate

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Keith Bondaug-Winn called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Member and Staff Introductions: Done.

Approval of April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Public Input: None.

Legislative Update:

Alvin, from the Board’s Office, gave an update on the relevant legislation measures that are being proposed. The Senate bills that were covered were: 488, 494, 444, 542, 543, 544 545, 123 along with House bills: 3046, 3220, 3016.

The Council has discussion on Senate Bill 488 which is a bill to regulate the Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Brooks and Senate Bill 543 which is a bill to remove the use of Styrofoam

containers for to go food. Judy asked if Senate Bill 543 included packing peanuts and such; Alvin stated that he wasn't sure and that the whole bill takes effect January 1, 2025.

The Council discussed Senate Bill 123, which is the added requirements for businesses to put QR codes of how to recycle that product, on their items. This would give a live update on recycling the product.

The Council asked for a monthly update on relative bills from Alvin.

Materials Management Report:

Judy Skinner shared her Materials Management Report and her background on the subject.

Judy stated she doesn't know anything about recycling the vape items and collections within schools with the heating element.

Next month's Materials Management Report would be Scott Gagner.

SWMAC Information Distribution:

Bonnie brought up the idea of how the Council would like to organize their papers whether that be electronically or having hard copies.

Brian May brought up the idea of having pilot tablets that the Council would be able to utilize in hopes of helping with searching documents and storing information. Brian stated he would be bringing an estimate or an idea to the next meeting. Judy asked for the meeting items to be three hole punched from now on.

DEQ 2021 Waste Recovery Stats:

Brian May shared the 2021 recovery statistics, from DEQ, with the Council. They also compared and discussed other counties recovery numbers.

Brian May stated that in 2020, the recovery for the state was 42% and this year is first year where they went backwards, by a lot. Some of the causes of this were COVID, the fires and ice storm. The recovery rate for 2020 was 40.5%.

Judy asked if the County had an oil recovery program; Brian stated that we did have an oil recovery program. Brian also shared that with everyone working at home, nothing was being replaced which impacted the electronic recovery side of things.

The asterisks in the report indicate that Marion County gets credit for certain recyclables that are incinerated. They are seeing a drop off in those credits for Covanta because the input through the facility is lower.

Brian May shared that the collection process and how they process that material before delivering it to its final resting place really come into play when they have legislative issues that impact their operation.

Brian asked the Council if they had any bright ideas on recovery and he shared that when they changed the total disposal number by 100,00 tons, it only moved the needle about 7%. He shared that he has a lot of hopes for RMA, but he doesn't believe it's the end all, be all.

Rachel shared that she thought the QR code was a great, live option to recycling.

Julie stated that the challenge is asking people to spend more money when they're struggling already. She believes that glass will come off the curb and go to depots. It's going to be challenging for the public to understand the new process.

Review of '09 Solid Waste Management Plan:

Brian May shared the backstory on the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan and showed the recommendations with the Council as their homework was to review it.

Brian May stated that across the state, you can see other jurisdictions moving away from a waste management plan and being more focused on a materials management plan.

Brian May shared that we are still working towards a lot of these goals and recommendations in 2023.

Marion County staff will be working on putting together a matrix that analyzes all the recommendations, and provides an update on the progress of them, to share with the Council.

The Council discussed the process of creating an RFP for hiring a consultant to develop a new Solid Waste Management Plan. The intent is for SWMAC to assist Marion County with building the RFP and scope of work and focus on what they would like to see in the management plan.

Brian May shared that they currently have \$150,000 budgeted for beginning this process.

Next steps include having examples for the Council and at next month's meeting, Marion County staff will have their Management Analyst, Chalyce, who manages their contracts, come to the meeting and share what a timeline for an RFP looks like.

Keith sent Natalie potential questions to include in the RFP for potential consultants to help staff.

The process for approval is to draft the RFP with the Council and ultimately have the Board of Commissioners approve the plan. There will be opportunities for public comment along the way.

Staff Updates

Brian May shared that Travis Cornwell will no longer be part of the SWMAC as he is leaving Covanta in the future.

Council Member Announcements

Judy shared that she recently saw an article stated they've discovered that recycling of plastics is producing tons of microplastics.

Kevin shared that he recently toured 30 commissioners from the State of Oregon through the MRRF last week.

Meeting Attendance

Will, Travis and Ryan were absent.

Meeting Review

Bonnie asked Brian to thank Alvin for his legislative presentation.

Motion: Joe moves to adjourn, Judy seconds.

Discussion: None.

Results: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, June 27, 2023 5:30-7:30pm*