

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Marion County**

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2024
Time: 5:30pm -7:30pm
Logistics: Marion County Board of Commissioners Room: Attendance in-person

PRESENT:

Members: Keith Bondaug-Winn, Joe Fowler, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Ryan Zink, and Kevin Hines

Staff: Rachel VanWoert, Cory Swartwout, Commissioner Cameron

Guests: Laurie Gordon (DEQ)

ABSENT: Brad Barker, Will Posegate, Scott Gagner, Julie Jackson

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 February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kevin moved to approve minutes; Ryan seconded.

Discussion: None.

Results: A voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Public Input: None.

RMA Update

Laurie shared an update on the Recycling Modernization Act. Topics included RMA Major Milestones and Local Government RMA Milestones. Most of the conversation involved the PRO Program Plan. Commissioner Cameron asked if SWMAC would provide public comment to DEQ, when the time comes.

Mentor Assignments for New Appointees

Keith shared that we are looking to pair our new council members with established council members. If anyone is interested in mentoring, please let Keith know.

Legislative Update

Rachel shared details about SB1596 (Right to Repair) and HB4013 (Extension to glass wine containers).

On Monday, Oregon became the fourth state in the country to pass Right to Repair legislation for consumer devices, including appliances, laptops, and cell phones. The legislation requires manufacturers to make repair more accessible by providing open access to parts, tools, and information used to fix things, many of which manufacturers are currently restricting to “authorized” service centers.

Ryan asked if there was conversation surrounding ink cartridges for printers; Rachel shared that there wasn’t anything in Right to Repair but, would open the flood gates for these conversations.

Rachel shared that HB4013 is an extension that will be included in RMA. HB4013 moves their decision deadline from 2025 to 2026. The House is currently debating whether wine bottles would be considered depot recycling or go under the Bottle Bill, after RMA takes effect.

SWANA Communication Tools

Cory assisted the council with logging into the SWANA Zero Waste training and trained the council on how to use Microsoft Teams.

Staff Updates/Other Business

Rachel shared that the ES team is gearing up for Earth Day. The event will be held at Spong’s Landing Park on Friday, April 26th from 3-7pm. There will be a scavenger hunt, “Passport to Sustainability”, nature trails, baby goats, and free ice cream from On Any Sundae.

Rachel shared that one of the biggest EarthWISE lunch and learns was held. The city’s action plan and how it fit into our businesses.

The official date for the second annual summit will be Friday, September 27th at the Keizer Civic Center. Rachel has folks wanting to talk about electrification/solar/fleet. The electric bus

will be present. Haulers will be back for panel. Businesses will be updated on RMA and Right to Repair.

Waste Reduction is looking to open Dakota's position again. When Brian comes back from vacation, we will be working with HR to push the positing out.

Salem Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station closure will start April 1st. The closure is posted from April 1 – April 22. We hope that the site will be open before April 22nd.

Brown's Island Demolition Landfill is still closed with no reopening date currently. Public Works intends to build a bridge to correct the issue. The RFP has gone out for bid.

Judy shared that Awesome 3000 is on April 27th. Garten will have an Earth Day event on April 20th from 10 am -2 pm, accepting recycling and e-recycle, providing tours, and a grand reopening of the Gears store.

Kevin added detail to the SKRTS closure that any public that has a dump bed will go to the MRRF and hand unloads will go to NMRTS. During the closure, MRRF will not require an account.

Bonnie shared that Brad, Will, Scott, and Julie had excused absences this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm*