

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 27, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Commissioners Board Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Bob Anderson, Bill Brauer, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Will Posegate, Darby Randklev, Judy Skinner, Thomas Smith, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund,

Members Absent: None

Public Signed in: None

Staff Present: Brian May, Bailey Payne

BOC Liaison: Janet Carlson

MOTION: Bonnie Sullivan moved to approve the July 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Bill Brauer.

Discussion: Bonnie pointed out a few corrections to the minutes. Members present should be Thomas Smith not Thomas Anderson

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved with changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

- None at this time.

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Metro Solid Waste Code – There is nothing new to report. This will be out for a while before we hear anything.
- The update on the Metro/Covanta Waste - There is nothing going on at this time. They are currently doing a health risk study so it is pretty quiet at this time.
- The update on Covanta negotiations with PGE – They looking at options for a better rate. Right now we are in discussions with our legal on some different options available. At this time we will not discuss until further notice. If the rate change option goes through, it will be a very significant rate increase for 2020. As soon as there is more information to share we will discuss it.
- Blue Bin Medical Waste – This is going well. We are processing between 2 to 4 trucks a day. We are using a blue bin tipper and there are no real issues. We will slowly be ramping up to do probably 5 trucks a day with the current system. We could run two additional shifts, swing and graveyard to off load and possibly weekend shifts if we can get the material into the facility.
- Gray Bin Material – We are having some issues with the gray bin material and the packaging. We are still working on it. Concentrating on plutonic and palletized pharmaceutical.
- We are currently doing an automated feed system and capital projects which should be completed January/February 2017. This will allow us to increase the amount of materials we are taking in and also use less man power. We could get up to twelve trucks a day if we have the capacity.
 - 2 to 4 trucks for the red plutonic
 - 8 to 10 tons per truck for blue bin material
 - 3.5 to 5 tons a truck for palletized pharmaceuticals
 - This will be 20-35 tons a day with the weight fluctuating

- There is an outside Health Consultant monitoring safety.
- There are still a couple of cities that have not done a rate increase yet. The county has done a great job talking to the cities about the rate increase. Cities of Keizer, Silverton, Turner and Woodburn all went well. The City of Silverton is trying to negotiate every other week for garbage pickup. They are staying with the every week garbage pickup. We talked about the county ordinance and don't recommend every other week pickup for garbage.
- City of Stayton has rate increase has gone through.
- No jurisdiction has had a problem except Sublimity. They are not scheduled yet.
- There is an On Call Service that many people don't know about. If you have below 20 gallon garbage you can call in when it's full and your hauler will pick it up. This is another low cost.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- The Bylaw Committee met on September 8, 2016. Discussed were some changes to the Bylaws.
 - #10.2 – to put in a little A – should read: “The chair person should serve a one year term that follows the county’s fiscal year. At the end of the one year term, vice-chair may become new Chair person.”
 - We deleted “and the commissioner should appoint a new vice chair”
 - Should the chair be unable to complete his/her term, vice person may serve the remainder of the year as chair and then serve on full year as chair. The reason we put “may” is so that it gives the vice chair an option to be chair and doesn't force them. If the vice chair says “no” then we would need to elect a new chair.
 - According to the bylaws the Commissioners are to elect the chair and vice chair. The SWMAC committee would make recommendations to the Commissioner.
 - Nominations for the chair and vice chair will be held at the April SWMAC meeting.
 - The recommendation is to strike last sentence in 10.A.1. This will go to the Board of Commissioners to see what they want to do and we will discuss this at the next meeting.
 - Page 4 - 10. A – Specifically – terms are to follow county’s fiscal year because we didn't have a term limit, putting in when nominations would be held. Nominations would be held in April. Voting would be in May and then it would possibly go to the board in June. However, this might not need the Commissioner to vote.
 - Page 6 - 13.C – Strike out #2 – Didn't think it was appropriate for people to go directly to the Chair or Vice Chair. They should come to the SWMAC meetings as the public or go to the Environmental Services Division Manager.
 - Change #3 – It needs to be the Environmental Service Division Manager and not the Director of Public Works. This would take out any proprietary.
 - Commissioner Carlson will bring back information on 10.A.1 and will put into an action item for a vote.
- Budget Committee met on September 8, 2016.
 - We reviewed the numbers for the year over year comparison. This comparison showed what happened in 2014/2015 to what has happened in 2015/2016. Discussions included where we needed to go with the disposal increase. We were short \$2.9 million dollars in year over year basis.
 - Marion County is required by law to have approximately \$8 million in reserves for maintaining the North Marion Ash Monofills. We have reviewed the amount and determined that it will likely be going up by \$2 million or possibly a bit more. With new sources of revenue coming in, we anticipate that it will be Fiscal Year 19-20 before this amount is covered in our savings. In the interim, the County will use general funds to cover the gap so that we are in compliance with the law. This means that we will continue to be “lean” for the next three years.
 - We talked about the discount at SKRTS. Anyone with a valid Construction Contractor Board License would get a discount of \$12 per ton. This came into effect in January, 1992

and was only supposed to last for 2 years. However they are still getting this discount. We need to revisit this discount.

- Research includes:
 - 1.) who takes advantage of it? 2.) how much of it is there? 3.) what will the impact would be on the industry?
 - We also give discounts on various fees for Land Use and Building Fees. The Lottery money offsets these fees.
 - The concern is that they don't have a valid CCB number but they are still getting the discount. However, most of the contractors have an account set up which they have to provide a valid CCB number.
 - Most of the disposal is from commercial and some residential contractors.
- The rate at Brown's Island is going up from \$3 to \$5. Currently there is no minimum at Brown's Island. We will need to talk about an increase at the next budget meeting.
- Discussion on the Brown's Island fire:
 - The fire started at 3 P.M. on Wednesday and it wasn't completely extinguished until Saturday morning at 5 A.M. We had staff out there around the clock. The cause was concluded that it was spontaneous combustion. There were about 3 to 4 weeks before there was any rain which caused things to heat up.
 - We are putting together new guidelines to prevent this in the future. They are: 1.) Make smaller piles. 2.) Place fire breaks in the area. 3.) Other things to avoid.

FUTURE TOPICS:

- Possible change in meeting times from 6 PM to 6:30 PM since it is sometimes difficult to make a 6 P.M. appointment.
 - Ideas –
 - bring in dinner or light food option.
 - having meeting moved to 5-5:30 PM
 - Bailey will do a Doodle Poll to see what will work for everyone and we will discuss at next meeting.
 - In the Bylaws under General Information, it's states that it's on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month. We've been flexible. There does have to be notice 7 days in advance. Council members need to have agenda and the minutes from the last meeting.
- Holiday Party – We need to start planning. It was discussed that it would be at the same place as last year if it's available. There was discussion of talking to Bob Anderson's wife (?) to see if they would be willing to do it again. There would be no discussion of business and it would be just the members and their spouses and there was the possibility of doing a White Elephant Exchange. Dates to check with the restaurant would be for either November 29th, December 6th or 13th.
- A.O.R event at Selbush Farms in Corvallis.
 - PRC was taken by surprise. They quit taking projects that contain PLA.
 - They are trying to get rid of strictly PLA. Not the coffee cups that have a PLA liner. Just stuff that has strictly PLA, if it doesn't compost all the way it's no good and ends up in someone's backyard. They aren't taking anything after January 1st.
 - Paper products are the same, Utensils are more difficult.
 - Biggest Impact is cold drink cups, beer and wine clear cups. Hot cups are lined with PLA Fiber. Straws are always a problem.
- Neglected to recognize Alan Pennington. Alan has been helping with the Awesome 3000, helping with recycling.
- Food Waste Recovery Program. There are 43 Elementary Schools which includes all but one elementary school. Eleven Middle Schools which also is all middles schools but one and we just have one High School which is South that is participating in the program. This is a total of 55 schools participating.

- Recruitment - If anyone wants to join SWMAC they can just fill out an application to apply. They would get that from the Volunteer Coordinator located in the Commissioner's Office.
 - Requirements include needing to attend two meetings before going to the Nomination Committee.
 - The committee would interview them and make recommendations to the Board.
 - A staff person would take the recommendation to the Board.
- Email Address books – there should be the following and in alphabetical order:
 - Committee Members
 - Subcommittee Members
 - Staff
 - Public Members

Staff Updates:

- Paint program is on hold for right now. There were some DEQ Concerns that are being addressed. Also the program got too big for the Republic Services site. There is some discussion for long term to possibly have the Department of Corrections do the paint program. We are still taking paint and it is being recycled.
- Master Recyclers Program is going well. We did a tour of Covanta, North Marion and Agri-Plas.
 - Upcoming Tours if you would like to join are:
 - Thursday, October 13 – Tour of Worms. Dan Holcomb has 100 ft. long by 6-8 ft. wide worm compost. We will meet at the Cover Bridge Café in Scio (?) and will follow Dan to his place.
 - Saturday, October 15 – Garten, Pringle Creek, SKRTS, Hazardous Waste, and NW Greenlands in Aumsville.
- Cart to Art – There were 40 works, some from the Department of Corrections and 140 people attended.
- We did a jean collection. We collected 250 pairs of jeans and distributed them to 100 people. The remainder of the jeans went to local shelters.
- DEQ has \$1.2 million in grant money that needs to be applied for by October 31st.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Garten is doing their Life Source on Saturday, October 15th from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. They will be doing garbage collection and compost.

MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE: Everyone is in attendance.

MEETING REVIEW:

- Great meeting and attendance. Much better direction with agenda.
- Planning meeting, future topics give to Bailey, Brian or Thomas. (?)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to come to the office to listen to the recorded version of the minutes, please call 503-588-5169 to schedule a time.