

**MARION COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

June 28, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Senator Hearing Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

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

Members Absent: Thomas Smith (notified staff), Brian Sund (notified staff)

Public Signed in: None

Staff Present: Bailey Payne, Dennis Mansfield

BOC Liaison: Janet Carlson

**MOTION:** Bob Anderson moved to approve the May 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Brian May.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):**

- No public input

**SOLID WASTE PROGRAM DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- Brian gave an update on the Metro Solid Waste Code updates. He stated the subcommittee met to discuss and evaluate the idea of regulating the MRFs in the metro region.
- We will let our piece of the MRF with the recommendation to their SWAC, whether it will be through licensing, a franchise, or a different methodology that has not been determined as of yet. We thought it was necessary based on some things that have been happening in the region MRFs; some of the facilities have been taking contaminated material. We hope that this will make it more competitive, and more transparent so that MRFs are taking the same materials and not creating an uncompetitive advantage for MRFs that are doing things properly. This will also create a more consistent message to residents.
- Matt indicated they are still pushing forward – we should have the letter for them by the end of the week on what they want us to analyze. I understand that it should be in line with what we proposed back in our response to their request.
- Darby stated they are looking for options, not much to discuss at this point regarding the negotiations with PGE. The RFP is not out yet.
- Commissioner Carlson discussed the group’s recommendation to support the proposal Covanta had for the blue/gray bin waste.
- BOC reviewed Legal council’s latest version of the agreement between Covanta and Marion County at their work session last week.
- There were a few tweaks made to the agreement that allow for future growth in each of the contracts. If there are additional contracts that come in there will be a separate approval for each.
- This will be at the BOC Session tomorrow, Wednesday 29, 2016.
- Jolene Kelly put together a press release.

- Statesman’s Journal ran an article titled “Medical Waste Can Bring in Cash to Marion County.”
- The BOC received 20-25 emails, only one of the emails asked to approve the proposal, the rest were against.
- Matt will be responding to concerns regarding DEQ’s requirements and health impacts.
- Matt states DEQ sets lower emission numbers than the EPA for Covanta because they are able to meet the numbers and come in even lower.
- Discussion regarding required contamination/pollution testing processes at Covanta.
- Commissioner Carlson asked Matt to provide a summary of the preliminary comparison of the two different stacks at the editorial board meeting Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion regarding ash generated, hazard impact and testing process.
- Darby stated methane recovery generates 65-75 kilowatts per ton and energy recovery generates 500 kilowatts per ton of waste.
- Joe suggested having an editorial point sharing the environmental benefits of having medical waste incinerated.
- Jolene Kelly handed out a packet containing the press release and information regarding the phone call with the Statesman’s Journal reporter.
- The council discussed regarding how to inform/educate the public on how the possible medical revenue could be utilized.
- Commissioner Carlson – we try really hard to kind of have a no change scenario.
- Bonnie shared her frustration at seeing items/issues that were listed in the 2009/2010 solid waste management plan update that remain the same today.
- Dennis suggested having the SWMAC members take part in the plan being put together.
- Judy shared her concerns regarding the recovery goal (54%) listed in the report as remaining constant when there are fewer resources, such as the Oregon Green Schools teacher, available. She said that when we have the results of the waste composition study in a year or so we should revisit our solid waste management plan to have a more informed picture of opportunities for recovery.
- Todd said that he’s seen an overall decline in residential and commercial recycling volumes and at the same time an increase in garbage. Our recycling rate is already showing signs of declining. He pointed to other issues that indicate a declining recycling rate including the loss of the Green School educator, the closure of the Newberg mill and overall commodity pricing. There will continue to be more pressure to reach the DEQ goals and this will require more funding.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:**

- Todd acknowledged the great job Jessica Ramey has done with the advertising with such limited funds.
- Jessica provided the council with a presentation on the types of advertisement used and how it is done.
- Commissioner Carlson complemented Jessica on her advertising plans and ideas.
- Jessica Ramey would like to return and share more information on all it takes to advertise.
- Jolene Kelly will have the CCTV clips at next month’s meeting.
- Jolene is putting together the editorial with guest’s opinions. She would like to hear why folks involved with Marion County programs have chosen to be involved.
- Bob, Bonnie, Brian and Joe shared how they became involved with SWMAC and why they continue to be a part of the council.
- Discussion of future articles on SWMAC members and the value that they bring to Marion County.
- Todd and Brian stated they had a work session with the City of Aumsville Monday, June 27. They were very receptive and understanding.

- Brian thanked Commissioner Carlson for attending all of the breakfast and lunches.
- Aumsville will be adding yard debris.
- Todd is meeting with the City of Mill City.
- Todd thanked Commissioner Carlson for the flyer; it has been outstanding.

**FUTURE TOPICS / EMERGING ISSUES / OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Bonnie has arranged for D&O to do a presentation on recycling at Salem Senior Center.
- Bonnie hopes this will help get the center interested in becoming EarthWISE certified.
- Judy attended the AOR conference.
- Bailey attended the AOR tour of the glass beer bottle factory.
- Griselda promoted Safe the Food at the AOR conference.
- Valley Roots meeting will be held June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Dennis announced Brian May's appointment as the new Environmental Service Division Manager.
- Todd complemented Brian's great work, and stated Brian would be a great addition to Marion County.
- Bailey stated Tammy Dennee with Salem Chamber of Commerce will be attending the SWMAC meeting, and might be interested in becoming a member.
- Master Recyclers class will start in late September.
- Bailey reminded the council of the parking passes option and the parking garage location.
- Thomas will start his term as chair at the July meeting.
- Vice-chair will be determined at the July meeting – Joe F is potential candidate.
- Marion County Fair will be held July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A Repair segment will air on KOIN 6 from 5 to 6 on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.**

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