

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: MARC Offices, a virtual option was also available.

Executive Board Members present:

In person:

Doug Wylie, Chair, Parkville
Chris Bussen, Lee’s Summit
Donna Koontz, Clay County
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek

Attending virtually:

Cara Elbert, Blue Springs
Louis Cummings, Kansas City
Brenda Franks, Jackson County
Nate Day, Lake Lotawana (alt)
David Pavlich, Kearney
Trent Salisbury, Raymore

Mike Jackson, Independence

Executive Board Members not present:

Daniel Erickson, Platte County
Bob King, Ray County
Bob Huston, Cass County
Lauran Kurtz, Lake Lotawana

Others present:

Dianna Bryant, MARC SWMD
Tom Jacobs, MARC
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD
Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD

I. Introductions

Doug Wylie, Chair, opened the meeting and it was determined that a quorum was present. He asked if anyone would like to share anything interesting from their districts; there were no comments.

II. Approval of Meeting Summaries

Approval of the October 11, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Summary. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the October 18, 2023, Management Council Meeting Summary. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the November 15, 2023, Executive Board Meeting. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

III. Administrative Matters

Annual Confirmation of Secretary/Treasurer Appointment—Doug Wylie requested a motion to appoint Dianna Bryant, program manager, as the district’s secretary/treasurer. Chris Bussen moved to approve the appointment. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Conflict of Interest Policy—Doug Wylie asked the executive board to refresh themselves on the conflict-of-interest policy/statement and asked for board members to provide written or email signatures to Nadja Karpilow.

Budget Revision - In Oct 2023, the 2024 budget was approved. A subsequent discrepancy with the indirect percentage was noted. Budget totals are the same but indirect was lower than the amount previously provided. Chris Bussen moved to approve the changes as submitted. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Small Project Assistance Funds—The district received one request for small project assistance from Académie Lafayette Cherry Campus for \$1,700 to purchase recycling bins and labels. Matt Riggs has completed a walk-through and provided a report. Chris Bussen moved to approve the amount of \$1,700 to Académie Lafayette Cherry Campus. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Grant Close Out – This item will be tabled until the next board meeting in March as not all grant projects have closed out at this time.

Order and Judgement – St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District vs Missouri Department of Natural Resources - MDNR lost their appeal for the case brought against them by Region L and decided not to transfer to the Supreme Court. Officially, the Terms and Conditions for funding allocation are considered null. MDNR is now required by law to distribute the district’s allocations without requiring grant applications. Region H (Columbia) sent a formal request to MDNR for funds to be transferred to their district. District staff recommends our district do the same, and crafted a letter that needs board approval. Chris Bussen noted that the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) submitted a formal request to MDNR about changes to lawsuit and asked if they had responded. District staff are unaware of any responses. On Feb 2, at the next SWAB meeting, district staff expect this issue to be addressed. Currently MDNR holds about \$507,000 of the district’s unencumbered funds. Chris Bussen moved to approve a letter signed by SWMD board chair requesting unencumbered funds from MDNR. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

IV. Board Discussion

2024-B Grant Call –Nadja Karpilow reported that the second call for 2024 was officially issued and publicized. Two information sessions are scheduled – one in person and one virtually. Funding recommendations will be presented for board approval at the May meeting. It is anticipated that projects that are awarded would have a July 1, 2024, start date.

Outreach Update – Matt Riggs gave an update on the new RecycleSpot.org website. The site was officially launched the week of Thanksgiving, 2023. Matt Riggs gave an overview of the search function, search results, and special instructions. Around 1,800 service providers are in the database and will continue to grow. The website includes information for all MARC counties (including KS).

HHW Update – Nadja- Karpilow reported that Raytown and Oak Grove have joined the program this year. Glenaire and Garden City have dropped out. Freeman, a community in Cass County with a population under 500, expressed interest in joining. The City of Independence also expressed interest in joining the program as a regional program member, versus continuing to operate separately with the City of Kansas City. Available dates for mobile events will be sent to hosts soon and brochures will be available in March. Chris Bussen asked if final numbers for 2023 were available. Nadja replied that she was still waiting for the invoice from Kansas City. The board discussed trying to restore the relationship between Kansas City and Lee’s Summit by allowing their residents to utilize either facility.

Paint Stewardship—Nadja Karpilow gave a brief overview on the efforts to bring a paint stewardship program to Missouri. Senate Bill 936 is sponsored by Senator Mike Bernskoetter. Nadja went to Jefferson City to educate senators and others on the paint stewardship program.

Landfill Capacity Study Update - Tom Jacobs shared this update with SWMD board first and then release to mayors, city managers, and commissioners across the metro, with public workshop on Wednesday Jan 24. The SWMD Board wanted to make sure the presentation is clear that SWMD is putting this forward in partnership with MARC.

In summary, various scenarios based on different assumptions were presented. The need for new landfill is not imminent, but there is a need. MARC SWMD will initiate development of a regional solid waste management plan.

The scenarios were reviewed: Scenario 11 is the most stringent, and the one with the longest (best case) timeline is Scenario 9. Public input noted the 11 scenarios were reasonable. Burns and McDonnell will provide database to MARC so other scenarios can be plugged in. Scenario 1 was with zero population growth to show landfill capacity without impact of population. Scenarios 2-11 used MARC's population growth projections. The Board confirmed metro waste is not sent to St Joseph, which was included in study.

Publicly owned landfills can restrict who disposes of solid waste there and allows them to maintain control over their capacity. Private landfills will take from whomever, so there is no way to manage capacity in the public sector.

The Board showed interest in the 'worst case scenario' (shortest timeline), which would require sourcing a new landfill option within the next decade (process typically takes 10 years). The intention of study isn't to be precise, but to get the right trends and directions to determine a reasonable range.

Mayor Mike Larson shared Republic Management has told Sugar Creek 19.5 years, (page 4). On page 9, Mayor Larson found discrepancies; Courtney Ridge should be there 25-26 years. Tom asked if acceptance rates in the study are the same as what Courtney Ridge has used, but acceptance numbers have not been shared with Sugar Creek.

Dianna commented that the amount of waste a landfill can accept annually is capped. Depending on whether it's an average of use versus filling up to capacity can affect predicted timelines. It is difficult to identify which individual landfills may be filled first.

Chris Bussen asked if they used quarterly reports of what is filed with the state. The study used the annual report of what is accepted year to year versus what is the max allowable acceptance. The model may over-allocate to specific facilities because the facilities were treated as a collective. Questions about what is most likely of these scenarios is something that may need additional work. The point of the study was to determine range and worst-case scenario.

Solid Waste Plan Process –Dianna Bryant reviewed the process for updating the solid waste plan. The landfill capacity study helps demonstrate the need for a new/updated plan. The timing of this will possibly get more engagement. Broad opposition to siting new landfills may help drive engagement in waste reduction.

The process for updating this plan is 2 years and requires approval from every entity that is a member of the SWMD. The plan is to kick off the planning process with a larger body of people at the February management council meeting and to determine goals and priorities. A larger (4-hr+) work session will be planned between April and July.

Dianna mentioned using a contractor to help draft the plan and do data analysis, but that MARC needs to guide the work that goes into the plan and task outside contractors appropriately. She expects to have those contracts begin by the end of the year.

Chair Wylie welcomes more participation on the management council to better represent the needs of the community, but it would require a longer meeting to discuss. Dianna expects to send a survey to the Management Council before February to determine the best time to schedule a meeting. One option is to keep it virtual.

Chair Wylie wants to have an agenda of topics to talk about, e.g. what the old plan is, and what needs to be addressed in the new plan. Dianna expects to break things down into smaller task groups, determining what may need to be evaluated by a contractor, and what the experiences of individual municipalities/members of SWMD are.

V. Old Business/New Business

By-Laws Review – Dianna noted that the last time the bylaws were updated was 7 years ago. Dianna asked for recommendations for updates/changes to bylaws by the next meeting. She also asked for suggestions for any subcommittees or task forces that may be useful to include. Chair Wylie noted ad hoc committees are created often to deal with specific one-time issues.

2024 Board meeting locations – Dianna suggested hosting board meetings at locations around the district (not strictly at MARC), so long as A/V capabilities are available.

Nadja shared the paint stewardship article in the January issue of *Missouri Life*.

VI. Closing

- I. The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30 am (virtual-only status TBD). The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, from 11 am to 1:00 pm. Chair Wylie adjourned the meeting.

MARC Solid Waste Management District

Doug Wylie, Chair

Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: March 20, 2024