

**MARC Solid Waste Management District  
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)  
Wednesday, May 15, 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  
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek  
Donna Koontz, Clay County

*Attending virtually:*

Louis Cummings, Kansas City  
Cara Elbert, Blue Springs  
Brenda Franks, Jackson County  
David Pavlich, Kearney  
Trent Salisbury, Raymore

**Executive Board Members not present:**

Daniel Erickson, Platte County  
Billy Gaines, Ray County  
Bob Huston, Cass County  
Mike Jackson, Independence  
Lauran Kurtz, Lake Lotawana

**Others present:**

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

**I. Introductions/Member Sharing**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05. It was established that there was a quorum.

Mike Larson shared that the Slavic Festival will be held in Sugar Creek on June 7 and 8. Doug Wylie announced there would be an electronics collection event in Parkville.

**Approval of Meeting Summaries**

Approval of the February 21 management council meeting. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the March 20, 2024, executive board meeting summary. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the April 17 management council meeting. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**I. Administrative Matters**

Dan McGraw, chair of the Grant Review Committee, presented the recommendations for the 2024-B call for projects.

Kansas City, Missouri– Kansas City Event Waste Diversion Pilot. The committee recommended partial funding for this grant in the amount of \$52,292. Funds will be used to support a pilot project on recycling and composting at city permitted events to determine whether a city-wide policy requiring such activity at events would be feasible. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$52,292. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Louis Cummings abstained.

Sugar Creek, Missouri– Sugar Creek Reuse BP Property. The committee recommended no funding in the amount of \$50,000. Funds would support a feasibility study to develop a recycling facility on former Amoco/BP property in Sugar Creek. The application was incomplete and did not meet the 85 point threshold.

Chris Bussen moved to approve no funding. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Larson abstained.

Kanbe's Markets – Optimizing Food Redirection. The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$49,000. Funds will be used to support the salary of a Food Redirection position to increase the feedstock of donated food. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$49,000. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kansas City Metal Recycling – KCMR (Box Truck). The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$44,910. Funds will be used to purchase a box truck for the purpose of picking up card seats and metal for reuse and recycling. Chris Bussen moved to approve no funding. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Midwest Recycling Center – E-Waste Optimization Project – The committee recommended no funding in the amount of \$57,298. Funds would have supported the purchase of a baler for baling plastics and cardboard. Chris Bussen moved to approve no funding. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Missouri Recycling Association – MORA Operations and Conference. The committee recommended no in the amount of \$44,375. Funds would have supported the salary of an administrative assistant, membership recruiter, website development, and 2025 conference costs. Mike Larson moved to approve no funding. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chris Bussen voted nay.

Product Stewardship Institute – Missouri Tire Stewardship. The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$49,922. Funds will provide salaries to support the statewide Tire EPR workgroup and continued support for paint stewardship in Missouri. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$49,922. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Re.Use.Full – Re.Use Program Coordinator. The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$43,311. Funds will be used to support the salary of a part time coordinator to recruit new charity partners for undumpster days, hold repair events, and education webinars on reuse. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$43,311. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Caplan – EcoSpark – The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$13,792. Funds will support an education program an education program in partnership with Idea Space where middle-school student teams will develop a waste reduction program tailored for their school. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$13,792. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ScrapsKC – School Supply Diversion Program. The committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$87,023. Funds will support salaries to operate the Teacher Resource Program whereby donations of reusable material are recruited from schools and offices and provided for free to schoolteachers. A mobile supply bus was suggested as a way to reach outlying areas. Chris Bussen moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$87,023. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The total award for the 2024-B call is \$340,250.

Two (2) time extensions were requested for board approval. KC Can Compost (E2023-010) has requested an additional nine months to finalize the purchase of the specialized kiosks for collecting food waste for composting in public spaces. Chris Bussen moved to approve the extension for nine additional months until February 28, 2025. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MORA (E2023-013) has requested an additional six-month extension to redirect their grants funds to hire a membership recruitment specialist and website developer. Chris Bussen moved to approve the extension for nine additional months until February 28, 2025. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff requested board approval to make changes to the board calendar. Changes include cancelling the July board meeting and holding a board meeting on August 21 in its place. The management council meeting will be on September 18 and the following board meeting will be held on October 16. Chris Bussen moved to approve the calendar changes. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. Informational Items

Nadja reported that the pre-applications for the 2025 call for projects are due May 31.

Matt Riggs provided an outreach report. Highlights include:

- Social media – There are currently 7,849 Facebook followers, and 903 Instagram followers.
- Recycle More At Work – The district is working with two new partners: Unified Govt. of Wyandotte County and Woods Chapel United Methodist Church (Lee’s Summit). Both have had walk-throughs, received recycling reports, and follow-up meetings.
- Recycling 101 – The district gave the Recycling 101 presentation to Claridge Court Senior Living (Prairie Village) and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church (KCMO).
- 3Rs Presentation – Eco Elvis (Matt Riggs) gave two 3Rs Presentations: Academie Lafayette Cherry Campus (KCMO), and Miami County Earth Day presentation for middle schoolers.
- Earned media – The Martin City Telegraph ran an article “Are You Recycling The Right Stuff?” with a link to the Recycle Better flyer.
- Paid media – The district’s paid media campaign started Earth Day, April 22, and is running through the end of the year. It includes digital, outdoor, radio and social media.

The management Council meeting scheduled for June 19 will be moved to June 18 due to the Juneteenth holiday on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Emerald Equestrian Center is hosting a tour of their horse stables and manure composting project on June 27 at 10:00 am.

## III. Board Discussion

Dianna discussed the process of convening different groups to provide feedback to the solid waste planning. David Warm suggested a group of elected officials or senior staff to meet to discuss the planning. The discussion raised concerns about the role and authority of that elected group. The Board asked for a meeting to clarify the role of this group.

## IV. Old Business / New Business

**Closing** –The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024, from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Meetings may be held via teleconference rather than at a physical location.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

MARC Solid Waste Management District

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Doug Wylie, Chair

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Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: August 21, 2024