Marie Steiner, District Chair, welcomed the group to the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center and gave opening remarks. Lisa McDaniel gave a brief overview of the district’s accomplishments over the past year.

**Executive Board / Officer Elections**

Marie Steiner presented the slate of executive board nominees for four city representatives (two from cities under 10,000 pop. and two from cities over 10,000 pop.) for approval by the Management Council. The four city representative nominees were:
• Marie Steiner (Kearney) and Chris Hawkins (Lake Lotawana) to represent cities under 10,000 population; and
• David Gress (Raymore) and Matt Wright (Blue Springs) to represent cities over 10,000 population.

Marie Steiner asked for Management Council approval for the slate of executive board nominees. Doug Wylie moved to accept the slate of executive board member and officer nominees. The motion was seconded by Sheila Myers. The motion passed.

The 2020 nominating committee members are: Chris Bussen, Forest Decker, Daniel Erickson, Sue Mikula and Doug Wylie.

**Special Recognition Awards Presentation**

The district’s special recognition awards were presented to:

• Public Employee—Tammy Saldivar, Leavenworth County: The Public Employee award recognizes a public employee who has shown dedication to the development and advancement of waste reduction and recycling through individual achievement and commitment.
• Green Event—City of Shawnee: The Green Event award recognizes a special event that promotes sustainable practices. Elizabeth Griffith accepted the award.
• Outstanding Program—Compost Collective KC: The Outstanding Program award recognizes an innovative or outstanding waste reduction or recycling program. Meredith and Kyle McAllister accepted the award.
• Waste Industry—Midwest Recycling Center: The Waste Industry award recognizes outstanding waste reduction and recycling efforts for a business in the waste industry. Kelli Kelly accepted the award.
• Environmental Educator—Lara Isch, KC Water: The Environmental Educator award recognizes an individual or group for commitment to educating others about the need for, and benefit of waste reduction and recycling.
• Every Little Bit Counts—Nancy Simons, Blue Valley Neighborhood Association: The “Every Little Bit Counts” award recognizes that small actions are meaningful.
• Teaching Environmental Stewardship—The Teaching Environmental Stewardship award is given by the Kansas City Environmental Education Network (KCEEN) to recognize outstanding efforts in environmental education in the Greater Kansas City region. Lindsey Constance, Shawnee Mission School District presented the award to Laura Moore, Prairie Elementary School.

**Keynote Address**

Steve Schnarr, Director, Missouri River Relief: “Love Your Big Muddy.” Missouri River Relief is a community, volunteer and equipment-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to connecting people to the Missouri River through hands-on river clean-ups, education events and stewardship activities. The organization emerged organically from a group of people in mid-Missouri who simultaneously recognized the need for engaged stewardship of the Missouri River and the desire of citizens to take part in watershed solutions. Since that time, the organization has grown each year. To date, MRR has hosted 184 Missouri River clean-ups, bringing 27,865 volunteers to clean 940 tons of trash from 1,287 miles of the river. We have participated in and hosted clean-ups in eight states, from the Mississippi River to Yankton, S.D. In addition, the organization promoted local river education through countless outreach projects, aiming to build public awareness, action and support for a healthy river.

**Old Business / New Business**

None.
Closing

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the MARC offices. The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

MARC Solid Waste Management District

Marie Steiner, Chair  Lisa McDaniel, Secretary

Approved:  January 15, 2020