MARC Solid Waste Management District  
Management Council (Open Meeting)  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Meeting location: The Urban Lumber Company, 7200 US-40, Kansas City, MO 64129

Executive Board Members present:  
Chris Bussen, Lee’s Summit  

Executive Board Members not present:  
Doug Wylie, Vice Chair, Parkville  
Jimmy Odom, Cass County  
Gary Wilhite, Ray County  
Gene Owen, Clay County  
Matt Willier, Jackson, County  
Daniel Erickson, Platte County  
Chris Hawkins, Lake Lotawana  
Forest Decker, Kansas City, Mo.  
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek  
David Gress, Raymore  
Matt Wright, Blue Springs  
Mike Jackson, Independence  
Marie Steiner, Chair, Kearney  

Management Council Members present:  
Sheila Myers, Johnson County Mayors  

Others present:  
Tim O’Neil, The Urban Lumber Company  
Dan McGraw, Grant Review Committee  
Kevin Anderson, Missouri Organic  
Kirby Wiley, Shawnee  
Rody Tayler, KC Dumpster Co.  
Lydia Gibson, Ripple Glass  
Piercyn Charbonneau, Ripple Glass  
Morgan Henderson, Ripple Glass  
Lisa McDaniel, MARC SWMD  
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD  

The Urban Lumber Company Tour  
The Urban Lumber Company sources logs from parks/recreation departments, municipalities, individual homeowners and developers from around Kansas City. The company can take wood that most other sawmills won’t accept—primarily due to the presence of nails. Since opening in May of 2014, The Urban Lumber Company has reused more than 1,600,000 pounds of wood and processed more than 225,000 board feet.

Tim O’Neil provided a tour of the facility:

- The facility includes an outdoor drying area, a kiln for drying wood, a sawmill, a milling area and a retail space.
- When logs arrive, they are sorted by species, trimmed and sawn into boards. Any trimmings or unused portions of logs are turned into mulch.
- The boards are air dried until most of the moisture is gone and then are finished in the kiln for approximately a week. The kiln can hold 4,000 board feet and reduces the moisture level of the wood down to 7 to 10 percent.
- The retail area holds racks of locally harvested, kiln- and air-dried planks (many of them with live edges). Most of the wood sold is used to create furniture typically dining room tables, conference room tables, bars, floating shelves and fireplace mantles.
- The retail space offers a variety of species including alder, ash, black walnut, elm, hackberry, hickory, honey locust, maple, mulberry, sycamore.
- The location of the harvest is put on each board. Each tree has a story, unlike commercially grown wood, and they have found that people want to know about the history of the wood and where it came from. For example, many of the white oak trees came from the Swope Park expansion and they received a number of trees from the Johnson County Courthouse expansion.
• Outdoor racks allow the company to store larger quantities of wood and work with contractors and architects on larger projects.

• The company can also provide custom milling services.

**Old Business / New Business**

None.

**Closing**

The tour ended at 10:05 am. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 3/18/20 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the MARC offices. The next full Management Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/15/20 from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the MARC offices.

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Marie Steiner, Chair                      Lisa McDaniel, Secretary

Approved:  March 18, 2020