

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Due to COVID-19 response, the meeting was held via ZOOM teleconference

Executive Board Members present:

Doug Wylie, Vice Chair, Parkville
Forest Decker, Kansas City
Matt Wright, Blue Springs
Chris Bussen, Lee’s Summit
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek
David Pavlich, Kearney
Mike Jackson, Independence
Brenda Franks, Jackson County

Executive Board Members not present:

Gene Owen, Clay County

Daniel Erickson, Platte County
Bob King, Ray County
David Gress, Raymore
Jimmy Odom, Cass County
Chris Hawkins, Lake Lotawana

Others present:

Lisa McDaniel, MARC SWMD
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD
Matt Riggs, MARC SMWD
Marlene Nagel, MARC

I. Introductions

Doug Wylie, Chair, opened the meeting and it was determined that a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Meeting Summaries

Approval of the October 7, 2020 Executive Board meeting summary—Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Matt Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the October 14-15, 2020 Management Council meeting summary—Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Matt Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the December 16, 2020 Management Council annual meeting summary—Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Matt Wright 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 reappoint Lisa McDaniel, district planner, as the district’s secretary/treasurer. Mike Larson moved to approve the reappointment. Matt Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Conflict of Interest Policy—Lisa McDaniel asked the executive board to refresh themselves on the conflict of interest policy/statement that was adopted in 2013 and explained the requirement for disclosure of familial relationships to the 4th degree of consanguinity. Each board member received and was asked to sign a form to indicate conflicts of interest. Those members not attending the meeting will be asked to sign the form at the first meeting attended in 2021.

Small Project Assistance Request—reStart, Inc. requested \$2,997 in small project assistance funds for the purpose of purchasing recycling containers to be used in the shelter. The organization received consulting through the Recycle More At Work Program and the request conforms to the recommendations made in the final report. Chris Bussen moved to approve the request in the amount of \$2,997 to purchase recycling containers. Matt Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

II. Board Discussion

2021 Meeting Schedule—The district’s 2021 meeting schedule is as follows:

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| Executive Board: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Management Council: 9:00 – 10:30 am |
| • January 20 | • February 17 |
| • March 17 | • April 21 |
| • May 19 | • June 16 |
| • July 21 | • August 18 |
| • September 15 | • October 20 |
| • October 13 | • December – date/time TBD |
| • November 17 | |

Recycling Education Campaign –Matt Riggs gave an update on the recycling education campaign:

- RecycleSpot searches: In 2020 there were more than 43,000 material searches on RecycleSpot.org. The most searched items were:
 - Televisions and TVs
 - Cardboard, cardboard boxes or boxes (cardboard)
 - Mattresses or mattresses and box springs
 - Paint/stains/paint related products
 - Electronics
 - Styrofoam
 - Computers
 - Furniture
 - Microwaves or microwave ovens
 - Batteries (single use: alkaline, button, flashlight, watch, etc.)
- Sliders – The COVID recycling instructions are alternated with a plastic bag recycling and cardboard boxes sliders.
- Service Providers – Staff continue to update RecycleSpot.org on a regular basis.
- Social Media – The number of followers continues to climb. Currently the district has 6,269 Facebook followers, 931 Twitter followers, and 556 Instagram followers.
- Recycle More At Work (RMAW):
 - Hallmark: gave Recycling 101 presentation to employees.
 - Two partnerships are at different stages of involvement:
 - KCAI – Met with their green team to discuss the report and hiring for position that is funded by a district grant.
 - reStart, Inc. – completed waste assessment and discussed opportunities for small project assistance.
- 2021 education campaigns:
 - Recycle Better 2021 Paid Campaign – in the process of starting to develop the 2021 outreach plan.:
 - Messaging will focus on recycling and waste reduction and will target the general population.
 - Will focus on March/April and November/December timeframes.
 - MARC Public Affairs is researching media options and is anticipating a draft plan by the end of next week.
 - Recycle More At Work Outreach Plan:
 - Target audiences include chambers of commerce and members of the Green Business Network
 - Developing a presentation to be included in MARC Environmental Services outreach

Program Updates—Nadja Karpilow gave a brief update on the HHW program and the current 2021B grant call:

- The HHW program will have its annual end of year meeting shortly to discuss the program results, the impacts of COVID-19 on the 2020 program and begin the planning process for the 2021 collection events.
- The 2021B grant call was issued at the beginning of the year and two information sessions have been scheduled. The preapplications are due February 25 and the final applications are due April 13. The anticipated start date for the grants is September 1.

Waste Diversion Assessment—Lisa McDaniel presented information gathered from KDHE and MDNR tonnage reports to develop a disposal estimate for the region. The landfill data was then adjusted to account for waste transferred into and out of the nine-county region for disposal. In 2019, it is estimated that the region sent approximately 2.4 million tons of

waste (excluding “special waste”) to landfills. On a per capita basis, the region disposes of 6.40 pounds per person per day, which includes construction and demolition debris.

Regional waste disposal had been declining but has recently started increasing. Most of this increase was due to a rise in tonnages accepted by construction and demolition debris landfills. There was a slight decrease in municipal solid waste disposal.

According to projections developed in the 2009 Strategy for Sustainable Solid Waste Management, the status quo scenario estimates that the region would dispose of approximately 2.7 million tons in 2019. The disposal estimates of 2.4 million tons puts the region’s 2019 diversion rate at 33%.

Legislative Update—Lisa McDaniel shared information on legislation that could impact recycling and solid waste management. Most of the discussion focused on HB775 that has been introduced by Ron Hicks. Some of the provisions discussed included:

- Removes the requirement for MDNR to conduct certain performance audits and moves the responsibility for performance reviews and audits of grant recipients from MDNR to the districts.
- Reduces funding to the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority and shifts that funding to minimally funded districts (increases minimum funding to \$120,000).
- Requires revenues to be immediately transferred to the districts on a quarterly basis.
- Changes the requirement for districts to submit a grant application to MDNR. Requires districts to submit only the supporting information to verify certain requirements were met and reduces the number of days for MDNR review to 10 days.

The district board is generally supportive of reduced administrative requirements but is concerned with the possibility of potential amendments that could change the funding formula. The district will monitor this legislation and look for the opportunity to respond to a fiscal note request.

V. Old Business/New Business

None.

VI. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next full Management Council meeting will be held on February 17, 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. At this time, it is anticipated that both meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Doug Wylie, Chair

Lisa McDaniel, Secretary

Approved: March 17, 2021