

**MARC Solid Waste Management District  
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)  
Wednesday, August 21, 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 Jackson, Independence  
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek  
Donna Koontz, Clay County

*Attending virtually:*

Cara Elbert, Blue Springs  
David Gress, Raymore (alt)

**Executive Board Members not present:**

Vacant, Jackson County  
Billy Gaines, 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  
Amanda Rehani, MARC  
Kate Ludwig, MARC  
Joe Gauer, MARC  
Andrew Malloy, MARC  
Maddie Mitchell, MARC SWMD Intern  
Darren Beck, Ingenuity LLC

**I. Introductions/Member Sharing**

It was established that there was not a quorum. There were no announcements.

**Approval of Meeting Summaries**

Approval of the May 15, 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. ***Approved to carry over to ratify at the next meeting.***

**I. Administrative Matters**

Amanda Rehani presented the **Solid Waste Management District Annual Financial Report** for the year ending December 31, 2023. The district was audited by Rubin Brown. In the letter for compliance testing of internal control over financial reporting, it was stated they "identified a significant deficiency" related to the presentation of the HHW Contingency Fund. MARC staff corrected the deficiency. Other than this clarification, there were no findings.

There was discussion on how the district might invest the allocation funds. MARC renegotiated their REPO account. SWMD could put the funds into CD's. MARC typically does not do that, but that would be something to look into and could be explored next year if the board wants to change how the funds are managed.

Chris Bussen moved to receive and approve the 2023 audit report. Mike Larson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carry over to ratify at the next meeting.***

**Small Project Requests**

MRC has requested \$3,100 to hold five electronic waste collection events in Clay County. Staff has facilitated meetings for MRC with representatives from Smithville, Kearney, Lawson, Liberty, and Excelsior Springs to organize five events. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$3,100 for five e-waste events. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Heart of the City Neighborhood Association requested \$3,486 to support the cleaning and construction of a low fence using the successful Philadelphia model for deterring illegal dumping. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$3,486 for the deterrent project, pending codes approval for the fencing. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

The City of Grandview requested \$3,023.90 to purchase cameras, batteries, and signage to deter illegal dumping. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding for the deterrent project, pending a policy review for funding cameras. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

MRC requested \$3,500 to subsidize fees to TV's and other electronics requiring fees to reduce the financial burden on residents. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding for this project. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Rooted and Reaching requested \$2,267 to complete the streetscape revitalization and illegal dumping deterrent project. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$2,267 for the project. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Woods Chapel United Methodist Church requested \$3,444 to implement a recycling program at the church campus. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$3,444 for the project. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Magpie Creative Reuse Collective requested \$3,499 to sew 500 tote bags made from discarded billboard vinyl material and equipment to make recycled plastic key chains. Bussen moved to approve partial funding in the amount of \$2,800 for the tote bags. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Flourish Furniture Bank requested a four-month extension to complete their E2023-007 grant project. It was suggested the request be extended until December 31 in case they need more time and to avoid another request. Chris Bussen moved to approve a six-month extension for the project. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

**Equipment Disposition:** Grant E2014-006: Jackson County was awarded \$44,792 to help with construction costs to build a public yard waste facility in partnership with Blue Springs and Oak Grove. During the ten-year reporting period it was reported that 7,686 tons of yard waste was managed. Bussen moved to approve the release of the security interest agreement with Jackson County for the site. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

**Deobligation of Funds:** Grant E2023-006 to Emerald Equestrian has closed. There are no funds remaining. Bussen moved to approve the deobligation for E2023-006. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Grant E2023-017 to Ripple Glass has closed. There are no funds remaining. Bussen moved to approve the deobligation for E2023-017. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

Grant E2023-018 to ScrapsKC has closed. There are no funds remaining. Bussen moved to approve the deobligation for E2023-018. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions. ***Approved to carryover to ratify at the next board meeting.***

### **Informational Items**

Carryover funds have enabled the district to hire an intern and consultant to assist with the regional plan. Maddie Mitchell is a student at UMKC and is working on her double major in Biology and Environmental Sciences. Darren Beck has been hired to assist with meetings and facilitation for the next five months.

Nadja Karpilow reported on the status of Grant E2020-016. MRC had purchased a truck and with board approval sold the truck for the purchase of other equipment. It was expected that the project would advance community recycling events but appears to instead benefit their work with business and commercial waste. After discussion, the board directed Nadja to write a letter to MRC to clarify the situation.

### **Board Discussion**

**Policy on Cameras:** The district receives requests for funding cameras to deter and catch illegal dumpers. Staff are concerned regarding the effectiveness of cameras and requested feedback on whether to develop a policy on funding cameras. The board discussed requiring applicants to demonstrate the means to install the cameras, police support for enforcement, and to demonstrate there are ordinances in place to convict those that are caught dumping. After discussion, including comments on the project in Northeast Kansas City and Ivanhoe neighborhood, the board agreed to place a temporary moratorium on funding cameras and see what the results are from the previous projects (NE KC and Ivanhoe).

**Solid Waste Plan Update** The first regional planning meeting of elected officials and senior staff was held August 18. Many elected officials deferred to staff who they thought were more knowledgeable on this topic, some of which happen to be on our board already. The intent of this group is to get support and buy-in on the regional plan. There are opportunities for communication improvements for a more coordinated effort. Meetings will be held quarterly.

The focus of the Circular Economy meeting on August 22 will be envisioning what circular solutions might be accomplished in the next 18 months and how we can make the World Cup better.

### **Old Business / New Business**

**Closing** –The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30 am and will focus on educating city and county staff on existing solid waste services. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024, from 11 am to 1:00 pm. Meetings may be held via teleconference rather than at a physical location.

MARC Solid Waste Management District

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Doug Wylie, Chair

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Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: October 16, 2024