

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)
Wednesday, October 16, 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

Josh Eis Independence

Attending virtually:

Mike Mallon, Blue Springs

Donna Koontz, Clay County

Sue Mikula, Sugar Creek

Jackie Halloran, Platte County (alternate)

David Pavlich, Kearney

Chris Bussen, Lee's Summit

Randy Diehl, Jackson County

Kouri Hunter, Jackson County

Louis Cummings, Kansas City

Executive Board Members not present:

Billy Gaines, Ray County

Lauren Kurtz, Lake Lotawana

Bob Huston, Cass County

Trent Salisbury, Raymore

Mike Jackson, Independence

Daniel Erickson, Platte County

Others Present:

Dianna Bryant, MARC SWMD

Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD

Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD

Madison Mitchell, MARC SWMD Intern

I. Introductions/Member Sharing

It was established that there was a quorum. There were no announcements.

II. Approval of Meeting Summaries

Ratification of Approval of the May 15, 2024, executive board meeting summary. Donna Koontz moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of August 21, 2024, executive board meeting summary. Sue Mikula moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of September 18, 2024, management council meeting summary. Donna Koontz moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

III. Administrative Matters

Ratification of Annual Financial Audit from meeting on August 21, 2024. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Randy Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Ratification of Small Project Assistance Funds Projects.

- Rooted and Reaching requested \$2,267. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Woods Chapel United Methodist Church requested \$3,444. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Heart of the City Neighborhood Association requested \$3,486. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

- Magpie Reuse Collective requested \$2,800. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) requested for \$3,100. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Ratification of Time Extension Request for grant E2023-007 for Flourish Furniture Bank. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Randy Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Ratification of Disposition of Equipment for Jackson County Yard Waste Facility (E2014-006). Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Ratification of Financial Deobligations. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

FY2025 Grant Call:

Dan McGraw, chair of the Grant Review Committee read the recommended projects for funding.

- Kanbe's Markets: \$45,077 was requested to pay a salary of a position to support the expansion of food diversion goals. The full amount was recommended. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Sue Mikula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- KC Can Compost: \$206,872 was requested to purchase a truck and satellite unit to meet capacity needs and implement a regional education program regarding compost. The full amount was recommended, with the contingency that KC Can Compost work with Matt Riggs on the education plan. Louis Cummings asked about the location of the program, and Nadja Karpilow clarified that the project does not include processing, but collection and education. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- The Folly Theater: \$46,024 was requested to implement a recycling program at the theater. The full amount was recommended. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Randy Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- City of Kansas City MO: \$29,332 was requested to support a public food waste composting pilot program that uses schools as hosts for drop-off containers. The funds are to pay for collection services, bin liners, and signage. Partial funding of \$10,490 was recommended to pay for signage only, with the contingency they be used at the school locations identified in the proposal. Donna Koontz motioned to approve the partial funding. Josh Eis seconded the motion. Louis Cummings abstained.
- Kansas City Chiefs: \$133,960 was requested to pay for reusable cups and the collection bins at the Chiefs Arrowhead Stadium. The full amount was recommended. Concerns of measurability of success, loss of cups, and longevity of the program were raised by Louis Cummings and Josh Eis. Another concern was the amount or type of events the cups would be used for, as well as whether the games would continue to have other single-use waste streams. Donna Koontz pointed out that the Chiefs take inventory at each food/beverage station at the stadium. A security agreement shall be implemented to ensure that loss is not sustained for the bins (which cost approximately \$100K) if the Chiefs abandon the program. Furthermore, the Chiefs will be responsible for subsequent batches of reusable cups. Louis Cummings moved to approve the full funding. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

- Pete's Garden: \$20,000 was requested to purchase a walk-in refrigerator to assist in food rescue for the region. The full amount was recommended. Josh Eis moved to approve the motion. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- The Sewing Labs: \$40,000 was requested to pay the salary for a part-time staff to seek donations of material and sewing machines. The full amount was recommended. Josh Eis moved to approve the motion. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Green E-Waste Management: \$49,495 was requested to implement a public collection bin system for residents to drop off small electronics for recycling and reuse. Recommended funding is \$49,295 to reduce the amount of bins from 20 to 10 but cover the cost of R2 certification. The contingency is that until Green E-Waste Management is R2 certified, he must bring collected materials to a certificated electronics recycler, or not purchase the bins until he is certified. Nadja Karpilow gave background to the justification of this alteration. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Midwest Recycling Center (MRC): \$27,517 was requested to pay for a hard-drive shredder to be provided at e-waste events. Funding was not recommended. The committee questioned whether the portable shredder would substantially increase diversion at mobile events. Donna Koontz moved to deny funding. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Denied Projects: Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Hubbard Radio, and Hillcrest Transitional Housing were not recommended as they did not meet the 85-point threshold to be considered for funding. Donna Koontz moved to deny funding for the three applicants noted. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Small Project Assistance Funds Request:

- Sleepyhead Beds requested \$3,160 for a commercial-grade mattress cleaner to divert more mattresses from the landfill. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
- Direct Payments to Rooted and Reaching, Northeast Middle School in Kansas City, and Heart of the City neighborhood association have requested the district pay vendors directly. All projects have already been approved by the board. Josh Eis moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of Terms and Conditions Revision. There were minor changes made to the Terms and Conditions that are included in the grantee contract due to the MDNR ruling. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of 2025 Per-Capita Fee recommended by HHW Finance Committee for 2025 Regional HHW Collection Program. The HHW finance committee met and recommend keeping the rate of \$1.13 per capita and using the 2023 population estimates. Josh Eis moved to approve the motion. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of FY2025 Memorandum of Understanding. Dianna Bryant gave a summary of the changes and purpose of the document, which includes outlining the district's collaboration with MARC for administrative and planning services. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of FY2025 Budget and Work Plan for the district. Dianna Bryant presented a summary and purpose for the regional budget. Chris Bussen expressed that the World Cup activities and funding should be a part of the plan. Donna Koontz moved to approve the motion. Mike Mallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

IV. Board Discussion

Nominating Committee

Terms are up for Mike Jackson, Chris Bussen, Doug Wylie, and Mike Larson. The positions of Chair and Vice Chair also need to be elected. A nominating committee of 5 must be formed. Volunteers from the meeting were David Pavlich, Korey Hunter, and Donna Koontz. A call for individuals interested in joining the grant committee was also made.

MRC Update

Nadja Karpilow briefly summarized the conflict and resolution with MRC, and emails were included in the packet.

Impact Awards

A call for nominees for the upcoming Impact Awards was made. City of Olathe – Solid Waste; Kanbe’s Markets; and Flourish Furniture Bank are the picks of MARC SWMD staff.

Solid Waste Outreach Update

Matt Riggs described the success of websites RecycleSpot and Kansas City Food Wise during 2024 due to advertising efforts. RecycleSpot activity has doubled, and Kansas City Food Wise has increased ten-fold. RecycleSpot has earned the Philly “Philanthropic” award from Nonprofit Connect and will be recognized at an evening event on November 13.

V. Old Business / New Business

Closing –The district’s annual meeting awards and luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday December 10th, 2024, from 11:30am to 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center at 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO.

MARC Solid Waste Management District

Doug Wylie, Chair

Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: January 15, 2025