

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)
Wednesday, January 15, 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 Larson, Sugar Creek
Josh Eis, Independence

Attending virtually:

Louis Cummings, Kansas City
Donna Koontz, Clay County
Mike Mallon, Blue Springs
Kourie Hunter, Jackson County
Lauran Kurtz, Lake Lotawana
Jackie Halloran, Platte County

Executive Board Members not present:

Vacant, Ray County
Vacant, Cass County
David Pavlich, Kearney
Trent Salisbury, Raymore

Others present:

Ron Achepohl, MARC
Dianna Bryant, MARC SWMD
Joe Gauer, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC
Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD

I. Introductions/Member Sharing

The meeting was called to order at 11:00. It was established that there was a quorum.

Chris Bussen has been elected to SWAB Chair (Solid Waste Advisory Board)

Approval of Meeting Summaries

Approval of the October 16, 2024, executive board meeting. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the November 20, 2024, management council 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.

Approval of the December 10 management council/annual meeting. Chris Bussen moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

I. Administrative Matters

Annual Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer. Chris Bussen moved to approve Dianna Bryant as the MARC SWMD Treasurer. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Annual Confirmation of Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Doug Wylie requested members to sign the conflict-of-interest document and submit it to district staff.

Small Project Assistance Funds Request: The University of Missouri Extension has requested \$2,500 to facilitate a class to help individuals increase the frequency of home-prepared meals, improve diet quality and reduce food waste. Dianna Bryant noted that the class is targeting seniors and those who are food insecure. Chris Bussen moved to approve small project funds request from University of Missouri Extension. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

2026 Grant Timeline: Dianna presented the 2026 timeline for the grant call and process. When inquired about efforts to recruit new grant review committee members Dianna explained that staff created a one-page overview of

committee tasks and commitments for potential and new members. Dianna also shared that staff is working on FAQ sheets on the grant program such as information on equipment purchases and salaries. Chris Bussen moved to approve the 2026 grant timeline. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

II. Informational Items

The grant closures and deobligation of funds will occur in March.

Matt Riggs presented an update on the outreach efforts including recyclespot.org and KC Foodwise initiatives.

Dianna gave a brief update on the 2025 HHW Program. To date, new communities in the program are Orrick. Opting out is Freeman. Wood Heights is still questionable. The mobile event schedule will be finalized by the next meeting in March.

Dianna gave a brief update on SB239, the bill to create a paint stewardship program in Missouri. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Jamie Burger.

III. Board Discussion

Dianna provided a progress report on the Solid Waste Plan. In February the Executive Roundtable will meet and discuss the Metabolic Study and also how cities can attract businesses that utilize reclaimed materials. The first public county meeting to talk about the solid waste plan will be in May. Darren Beck of Ingenuity has been hired to assist with meetings and corporate recruitment. An RFQ or RFP will be developed to hire someone to help with collecting data about recycled materials being used in local manufacturing and where materials are going outside of the region.

In April the district will hold a planning retreat. Discussion topics will be planning briefs, the metabolic study, waste to energy and other relevant items.

District staff recommend each board member assign an alternate to ensure a quorum at board meetings.

IV. Old Business / New Business

The 2025 MORA Conference is being held in Independence May 20-22. The executive board meeting is cancelled in May due to this event. Tours are planned for the KC Chiefs/Bold Reuse, and Summit Waste's Construction and Demolition recycling facility in Lee's Summit. Staff requested approval to support the conference with \$5,000 sponsorship. A portion of that amount will be used to provide bus service for the tours. Chris Bussen moved to support the MORA conference with a \$5,000 sponsorship. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Closing –The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The next executive board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Meetings may be held via teleconference rather than at a physical location.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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Doug Wylie, Chair

Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: March 19, 2025