

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: MARC Offices, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, MO. A virtual option was also available.

Executive Board Members present:

In person:

Doug Wylie, Chair, Parkville
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek
Jackie Halloran, Platte Co.(alt.)
Josh Eis, Independence (alt.)

Attending virtually:

Shantele Frie, Blue Springs
Trent Salisbury, Raymore
Ken Keller, Ray County
Valerie McCubbin Cass County
Donna Koontz, Clay County

Executive Board Members not present:

Lauran Kurtz, Lake Lotawana

Chris Bussen, Lee's Summit

Chris Frank, Oak Grove

Others present:

Ron Achelpohl, MARC

Dianna Bryant, MARC SWMD

Joe Gauer, MARC

Tom Jacobs, MARC

Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD

Noah Libowitz, MARC SWMD Intern

Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD

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

Approval of Meeting Summaries

Approval of the January 21, 2026, executive board meeting minutes. Mike Larson moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Approval of the February 18, 2026 Management Council meeting summary. Josh Eis moved to approve the meeting summary as presented. Mike Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

I. Administrative Matters

Small Project Assistance Funds Requests: Nadja Karpilow reported that there were three Small Project applications.

The **Ethnic Enrichment Commission** requested \$3,500 to purchase compostable bowls and plates and reusable cups for the Ethnic Festival in Kansas City. Staff recommend to deny funding since they are currently working with Bold Reuse to provide reusable cups and plateware. The district funded Bold Reuse and costs for events will be subsidized by grant funds. Mike Larson motions to deny funding. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

ScrapsKC requested \$3,445 to purchase 55-gallon drums, 50-gallon corrugated boxes, and the printing of wraps to support their annual school and office supply drive for their Teacher Resource Center. The containers will be used in future years. Staff recommend funding. Mike Larson motions to approve funding of \$3,445. Josh Eis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Katy White is requesting \$3,500 to continue home composting workshops in the community, including in Ray County. Ms. White completed a Small Project Assistance Funds project earlier this year and was successful. Staff recommend funding. Mike Larson motions to approve funding of \$3,500. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deobligation of Grant Funds: There are two projects that have closed and ready to be deobligated.

- E2025-010 Pete's Garden had remaining \$3,309.14. Mike Larson moved to deobligate E2025-010. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

- E2024-012, The Sewing Labs had \$316.70 remaining. Mike Larson moved to deobligate E2025-012. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Review Committee Members: Nadja Karpilow requested approval for the admittance of four new members to the Grant Review Committee. They are Rick Caplan, Julie Davis, Alecia Kates, and Tina Wurth. Dina Newman is stepping down from the committee. Dan McGraw is also stepping down, after serving for 15 years, including as Chair. Cara Elbert, Don Reck and Jerry Schecter will continue to serve on the committee. Mike Larson moved to approve the new Grant Review Committee members. Donna Koontz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

II. Informational Items

Outreach and Education Planning: Matt Riggs presented an update on the outreach activities. Recyclespot.org continues to grow in usage; In 2025 for one month in February there were 9,299 visits and in 2025 during the same time there were 13,500 visits. This year the district has a \$35,000 budget for digital, outdoor, audio, and social media advertising. Matt reported that WM and GFL are now accepting coffee paper cups and plastic beverage cups for recycling. The Food Packaging Institute is working with the district to promote this new information on cups and is spending \$33,000 on marketing in conjunction with our outreach and an MOU has been signed by both parties. The district has been working with grantees to see how we might collaborate on outreach. The plan currently is to intentionally tag, like, and share social media posts between the district and grantees. Sector playbooks will be developed and will promote grantees and their services as appropriate. Additionally, the ReLoop Material Recovery Plan will be on the MARC website and will note relevant information on grantee services.

HHW Program: Nadja reported that the mobile event schedule has been finalized. There will be ten events this year. The Lee's Summit facility is now accepting only up to 100 pounds per visit. Brochures are currently at the printers and when completed will be distributed to all program members.

Paint Stewardship: Nadja reported that paint bills were filed early this year. Senator Burger is sponsoring SB917 and Rep. Dolan is sponsoring HB2162. There is also a battery bill SB1210 sponsored by Sen. Burger. Currently the senate bill is on the informal calendar for perfection. Last action on the house paint bill was unanimous passage from the Rules and Administrative Committee.

Advisory Committee Recap: The district held an Advisory Committee meeting on March 10. Discussed were the Material Recovery Plan; the 2027 grant priorities, which are the same as last year; a Missouri Product Stewardship Council update. The group discussed the issue of battery collection, disposal and fires caused by batteries in the trash.

Recycling at Fan Events Update: Dianna reported that a flier on the district's offer to provide recycling containers and signage at soccer fan events this summer was sent to Missouri communities that have events posted on the MARC site. A brief MOU will be required to sign. If anyone is interested in collecting cans and bottles at your summer event, please contact district staff.

Treasurers Report: Dianna gave a treasurer's report explaining the various accounts and their purposes and balances.

III. Board Discussion: The board discussed SB1586, the bill that intends to dismantle the solid waste districts. MACOG, (Missouri Association of Council of Governments) have been actively watching this bill. There are 12 solid waste districts that are managed by Regional Planning Commissions like MARC. MARC got a legal opinion revealing that MDNR already has regularly power to inspect and manage abandoned landfills.

Dianna gave a preview of the Material Recovery Plan that will be on the MARC website. She reviewed the 12 strategies. Some of the district initiatives align with the strategies.

IV. Old Business / New Business

Closing –The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The next executive board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, 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 12:53 pm.

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Doug Wylie, Chair

Dianna Bryant, Secretary

Approved: May 20, 2026