

Meeting Agenda
Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District Executive Board
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
Wolf's Head Tavern
201 N 10th St, Columbia, MO 65201
OPEN MEETING

Members Present:

J.C. Miller	Callaway County
Thad Yonke	Boone County Alt
Chad Shoemaker	Audrain County
Debra Miller	Howard County
M.L. Cauthon, III	Cooper County
John Glavin	Osage County
Barbara Buffaloe	City of Columbia

Members Absent:

Greg Robinson	Moniteau County
Tim Grenke	Boone County
Lauren Henry	City of Jefferson
Jeff Hoelscher	Cole County

Others Present:

Lelande Rehard	District Manager
Ramon Garza	District Secretary

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by M. L. Cauthon, in Ms. Henry's absence.

2. Determination of quorum

It was determined there was a quorum.

3. Approval of agenda

Mr. Yonke moved to approve agenda as presented; seconded by Ms. Buffaloe. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of November 8, 2017

Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Miller. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

5. District Manager's Report

1. District Grants / Final Reports:

Final Report: Columbia College, 2016-012, Sustainable CC – This grant funded the purchase of recycling containers, hydraulic recycling container dumper, and 20yd bin. The project was designed to provide recycling opportunities at the campuses outside trash receptacles and give the College the infrastructure to divert more was its materials from operations and accommodate an increase in material correlated with an increase in enrollment. The project exceeded its diversion goal of 56.25 tons with 100.64 tons collected.

Project Manager, Curtis Mason –

The recycling goals were met with a final number substantially higher than our original goals. Our 33.75 tonnage goal for fiber and paper increased by more than 100% with a total of 70.44 tons collected. The plastics goal of 22.5 tons was exceeded by 30% with 30.2 total tons collected. This means our total goal of 56.25 tons of recycled material was nearly doubled. The final total was 100.64 tons.

Our spring survey data reflected an increased satisfaction in recycling on campus. We asked students, faculty, and staff to rate the quality of recycling across campus as either "poor," "not so good," "average," "pretty good," or "excellent." In 2016, 38% of respondents indicated the quality of recycling on campus was "pretty good" and 43% indicated "average." In 2017, 53% marked "pretty good" and 26% indicated "average." The other categories remained fairly constant. This data should be considered though against low response numbers. In 2016 we had 77 responses and in 2017 we only had 21 responses. At an institution our size, receiving such a low response rate is definitely a limitation to making definitive conclusions about our recycling program.

Even with the low response rate, it is worth noting that the number one issue on our 2016 survey in response to the question of "What obstacles, if any, keep you from recycling on campus?" was "no bins are available." In the 2017 survey, the number one issue was "unsure what can be recycled." We have sought to increase education through creating informative displays and recycling initiatives during April to coincide with Earth Week. And, though the survey indicates that we have work to do in terms of educating our campus on recycling issues, the grant, which helped fund additional recycling bins on campus, has clearly helped with the collection of recyclable materials that most likely would have ended up in the trash.

Recommend accepting final report.

Final Report: City of Columbia, 2015-007, Commercial Recycling Compactors - Grant partially funded five (5) recycling compactors; one for Stephens College, Columbia Public Schools, University of MO, Battenfeld Technologies, and one for other nonresidential large generator of recyclables. The project came close to the 200 ton goals with 173.72 tons collected.

Project Manager, Ben Kreitner –

The compactors started diverting waste from the landfill during the third quarter of the project period. The project goal of 200 tons was not met, but we came very close (173.72 tons). The average tons of diverted material per quarter, during the quarters that the compactors were operational, was 28.95 tons. Therefore, we can anticipate reaching the project goal by September 30, 2017.

Recommend accepting final report.

Final Report: City of Columbia, 2016-008, Columbia Recycling Roll Carts - Grant funded approximately 125 95-gallon roll carts for the collection commercial recyclables. The City of Columbia will collect from local commercial operations, including schools. The project matched its goal for collecting 15 tons. Recommend accepting final report.

Final Report: City of Columbia, 2015-012, Front Loading Recycling Containers - Grant partially funded (18) 4 and 6 yd front loading recycling containers for use by businesses in the City of Columbia's Commercial Recycling Program. Front loading containers allowed businesses to recycle with limited space available for a recycling container. The project fell short of the 27.4 ton goal with 11.9 tons collected.

Project Manager, Ben Kreitner –

We have just started distributing more of the front-load recycling dumpsters. The main challenge was establishing a collection route for front-load recycling, since all other recycling dumpsters are rear-load. The front-load recycling containers that were purchased with this grant are painted blue, so all recycled material from these containers are some type of fiber. Therefore, only mixed paper material was reported throughout the project period. The waste diversion goal was not met during this project period, but it will be reached in the near future.

Recommend accepting final report.

Final Report: Missouri River Relief, 2016-011, MO River Clean Up Fleet - Grant funded the purchase of a 15 passenger van to transport volunteers to clean-up illegally dumped items from the rivers of MO. River Relief matched with canoes to help them reach small tributaries their current boats could not reach during clean up events. MRR exceeded its goal of 1.2 tons with 7.4 tons collected.

Project Manager, Jeff Barrow –

Difficulty occurs when buying used vehicles due to the rapid turnover on Internet sales. We delayed the purchase of a Shuttlebus because of the slow release of funds and had to move extremely fast once funding was approved. Although MRR exceeded its estimate for waste removal from the river environment, the use of canoes for clean-ups was hampered by the variables of weather--in particular severe weather coinciding with the big community-based cleanups scheduled more than a year in advance. Also, MRR needs to standardize the measurement of recycled materials for proper record keeping.

Recommend accepting final report.

2. Meetings/Site Visits:

Hickman Waste Audit – MMSWMD, Boonslick, and the City of Columbia will assist Hickman High School with a comprehensive

waste audit of an entire day's worth of trash. The results should be ready for the December board meeting.

Large Grant Prelim Applications – MMSWMD has received 12 preliminary grant applications totaling almost \$750,000 in requested grant funds. MMSWMD staff has provided feedback to applicants and is working to bring the best possible proposals to the board.

Survey Agreement – MMSWMD manager has negotiated an agreement for the District's survey with ETC. The board will have results in time for budget planning and the May District Council Meeting.

3. Events:

Fix-it-Café - We helped 26 people and fixed 18 items during the event. Almost all participants reported they felt more comfortable fixing their stuff after leaving the event. We had 13 volunteers helping participants with textiles, bikes, small appliances, and electronics. Huge thanks to all of our volunteers, Appletree Quilting, Parks and Rec GetAbout Columbia, and Daniel Boone Regional Library. Feedback we have received from volunteers and participants was positive and volunteers are very interested in doing this on a regular basis (right now they like the idea of doing it quarterly).



4. Other business:

5. Upcoming Meeting/Events:

Large Grant Applications Due: January, 5th, 4pm

Executive Board Meeting: January 10th, 1pm

Advisory Committee Meeting: January 17th, 12pm

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Columbia College 2016-012 Final Report and the River Relief 2016-011 Final Report; seconded by Mr. Shoemaker. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the 3 City of Columbia Final Reports (2015-007, 2015-012, 2016-008); seconded by Mr. Shoemaker. Ms. Buffaloe abstaining.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Shoemaker – Yes
Mr. Yonke – Yes
Mr. Miller – Yes
Mr. Cauthon – Yes
Ms. Miller – Yes
Ms. Buffaloe – Abstaining
Mr. Glavin – Yes

6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills:

For November 2017.

The Checking account reconciled balance is \$1000.00
The Administrative account balance is \$22,568.96
The District Grant account balance is \$451,399.75

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Miller. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Reimbursements: \$121,695.48
City of Columbia - \$112,829.54
Missouri River Relief - \$4,000.00
Columbia College - \$4,865.94

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Reimbursements for Missouri River Relief and Columbia College; seconded by Mr. Miller. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Reimbursements for City of Columbia; seconded by Mr. Miller. Ms. Buffaloe abstaining.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Shoemaker – Yes
Mr. Yonke – Yes
Mr. Miller – Yes
Mr. Cauthon – Yes
Ms. Miller – Yes
Ms. Buffaloe – Abstaining
Mr. Glavin – Yes

Transfer of funds:

District Grants
Transfer \$121,695.48 to Checking
Transfer \$174,314.21 to Administration (inbound dollars from DNR)

Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Transfers; seconded by Mr. Miller. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

7. ETC Contract for 2018 Recycling Survey:

Ms. Buffaloe moved to approve the contract to be signed by Mr. Cauthon; seconded by Mr. Yonke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

Mr. Yonke moved to Adjourn; seconded by Ms. Miller. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



Lauren Henry
Chairman, MMSWMD Executive Board

Respectfully submitted,



Lelande Rehard
MMSWMD Manager