

**MARC Solid Waste Management District  
Executive Board Meeting (Open Meeting)  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 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  
Jackie Halloran, Platte County (alt.)

*Attending virtually:*

David Pavlich, Kearney  
Davon Perry, Raymore (alt.)  
Donna Koontz, Clay County  
Lauran Kurtz, Lake Lotawana  
Ken Keller, Ray County  
Louis Cummings, Kansas City  
Shantele Frie, Blue Springs (alt.)

**Executive Board Members not present:**

Bob Huston, Cass County  
Kourie Hunter (interim), Jackson County  
Mike Larson, Sugar Creek

**Others present:**

Ron Achelpol, MARC  
Dianna Bryant, MARC SWMD  
Cara Elbert, Shockey Consulting  
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD  
Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD

**I. Introductions/Member Sharing**

Chris Bussen shared that the City of Lee's Summit formed a Citizens Task Force to develop the RFP for trash and recycling curbside services and thanked Matt Riggs for his participation. Doug Wylie noted there is an electronics recycling event open to the public in Parkville on October 4. David Pavlich noted that there is an HHW event scheduled for October 4 in Kearney. Louis Cummings noted that the City of Kansas City is hosting an event on October 4 for residents that includes the collection of electronics, trash, leaves and brush, and tires.

**II. Approval of Meeting Summaries**

Approval of July 16, 2025, Executive Board Meeting Summary: David Pavlich moved to approve the July 16, 2025 minutes. Chris Bussen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**III. Administrative Matters**

**2026 Grant Recommendations:**

Cara Elbert, Chair of the Grant Review Committee, presented the recommendations for 2026 grant funding for board approval. She shared that twenty grant applications were submitted totaling nearly 2 millions dollars and that the 2026 funding allocation was slightly over \$700,000.

**Bold Reuse** requested **\$120,667** to fund inventory of reusable food ware, salary, and a truck to be able to provide reusable options for local events. The Grant Review Committee recommended partial funding in the amount of **\$98,172**, eliminating the truck. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$98,172 to Bold Reuse. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Bridging The Gap** requested **\$219,788** to fund the reestablishment of mattress recycling in Kansas City. Funds would be for salaries, a truck, a forklift, and gaylords. Avenue of Life who previously managed mattress recycling is providing balers, a shearer and training. The Grant Review Committee recommended full funding. Chris Bussen moved to approve full funding in the amount of \$219,788 to Bridging The Gap. David Pavlich seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**The City of Kansas City** requested **\$25,000** to pilot a deconstruction project at Minor Park. The project did not meet the threshold score of 55 points and therefore was not discussed by the Grant Review Committee. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding for Kansas City, MO. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed. Louis Cummings abstained.

**Cook General Contracting** requested **\$45,000** to purchase a pick-up truck to haul reusable material salvaged from interior contractor jobs. The project did not meet the threshold score of 55 points and therefore was not discussed by the Grant Review Committee. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding for Cook General Contracting. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Dina Ramadhani** requested **\$162,720** to fund a rebate program for plastic bottles and aluminum cans using vending machines. The project did not meet the threshold score of 55 points and therefore was not discussed by the Grant Review Committee. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding for Dina Ramadhani. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Earthday365** requested **\$30,000** to fund the Green Dining Alliance certification program in Kansas City, currently in operation in St. Louis. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding of \$30,000 to earthday 365. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Flourish Furniture Bank** requested **\$130,579** to fund the expansion of their new used furniture showroom. The Grant Review Committee recommended partial funding in the amount of **\$89,204**, eliminating costs for rent and a receptionist counter. Chris Bussen moved to approve partial funding in the amount of \$89,204. David Pavlich seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Hillcrest Thrift Store** requested **\$70,000** to pour concrete for shipping containers to store excess and seasonal donations for reuse. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding to Hillcrest. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Ingenuity LLC** requested **\$61,197** to conduct a pilot and testing procedure to recycle drywall to use as a component for making concrete. The Grant Review Committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$61,197. Chris Bussen moved to approve full funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed. Chris Bussen abstained from voting. *Note: After the meeting the applicant reduced the request to \$58,197.*

**Kanbe's Markets** requested **\$163,577** to expand their warehouse space to be able to increase the collection of food for reuse. The request includes salaries for two positions. The Grant Review Committee recommended full funding in the amount of \$163,577. Chris Bussen moved to approve full funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**KC Can Compost** requested **\$387,157** to purchase a truck for hauling compactors and three compactors to collect food scraps from large generators. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Magpie Creative Reuse Collective** requested **\$43,660** to purchase tools and supplies to support their maker space programming. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

The **Product Stewardship Institute** requested **\$73,503** to pay staff to support the work of the Missouri Product Stewardship Council including an Advocacy Training event to prepare planners for a Legislative Field trip that is planned for February. The Grant Review Committee recommended partial funding in the amount of **\$52,095**. Chris Bussen moved to partially fund PSI in the amount of \$52,095. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Prospect KC** requested **\$49,000** to support their work to rescue food and cook meals for those in need. Funds include a composting system. The Grant Review Committee recommended full funding. Chris Bussen moved to fully fund Prospect KC for \$49,000. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Re.Use.Full** requested **\$65,465** to conduct Undumpster Days (a reuse activity in partnership with multiple local charities), repair cafes and clothing swaps. The Grant Review Committee recommended full funding. Chris Bussen moved to fully fund Re.Use.Full in the amount of \$65,465. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**Ripple Glass** requested **\$45,000** to pay for radio ads, billboards and the creation of a video to market Ripple Glass's recycling program. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed. Louis Cummings abstained.

**Scenic Rivers Industries** in Salem, MO requested **\$37,000** to purchase a paper shredder to replace the one they lost in a fire. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**ScrapsKC** requested **\$48,000** to produce short videos to promote their Teacher Resource Program in an effort to receive more donations from corporate entities. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**The Sewing Labs** requested **\$74,750** to purchase a textile shredder. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

**T-Mobile Center** requested **\$35,066** to purchase a baler to bale materials currently collected at the venue. The Grant Review Committee recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed. Louis Cummings abstained.

The total funding amount is \$795,538 for eight projects.

#### **Small Project Assistance Funds Requests:**

**Global One Urban Farming** requested **\$3,500** to implement deterrents to illegal dumping at their farm in Kansas City. Expenditures included native plants, lighting, signage, and border/edge materials such as painted tires and bricks. Staff recommended partial funding in the amount of **\$1,025** to pay for lighting and signage. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$1,025 to Global One Urban Farming for illegal dumping deterrents. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed. Louis Cummings abstained. Staff will verify the signage is on the property and is properly placed.

**The Sewing Labs** requested **\$2,250** to pay for recycling collection containers, signage, and service fees for six months. Matt Riggs conducted a walk-through and provided a report. Chris Bussen moved to approve \$2,250 to The Sewing Labs. Lauran Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

The **Kansas City Zoo** requested **\$3,500** to purchase 40 64-gallon carts to add to their supply of carts for food waste collection at their events. Staff recommended no funding. Chris Bussen moved to deny funding. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed. Louis Cummings abstained.

**Renewal Building Materials LLC** requested **\$3,500** to purchase a commercial plastic shredder, fiberglass cloth and Epoxy to conduct a prototype of siding to be used in housing construction made from recycled plastic bottles. Staff recommended full funding in the amount of \$3,500. Chris Bussen moved to fund Renewal Building Materials \$3,500. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

#### **Grant Closures/De-Obligation**

Chris Bussen moved to close E2024-009 (KC Can Compost) and transfer the remaining \$360 to the City/County Reserve Account. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Chris Bussen moved to close E2024-012 (Kanbe's Markets) Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Chris Bussen moved to close E2024-013 (Kansas City Metal Recycling) and transfer the remaining \$514.21 to the City/County Reserve Account. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Chris Bussen moved to close E2024-014 (Product Stewardship Institute) and transfer the remaining \$3.00 to the City/County Reserve Account. Jackie Halloran seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

A total of \$877.21 will be transferred to the City/County Reserve Fund.

#### **2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Per-Capita Fee:**

District staff provided the HHW Finance Committee program data and projections to determine the per-capita-rate for 2026. The committee recommends a rate of \$1.14 using 2024 population estimates. This reflects a one-cent increase. The last time there was an increase was in 2024, from \$1.10 to \$1.13 per capita.

Nadja recognized committee members Chad Birdsong, Excelsior Springs; David Pavlich, Kearney; and Jennifer Stafford, Gladstone.

Chris Bussen moved to approve the 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Per-Capita Fee as \$1.14 per capita. Jackie Halloran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions

#### **IV. Board Discussion**

##### **The 14-point plan**

District staff has written the 14-point solid waste plan as required by state statute. Five community open houses (one in each district county) were held as required by the state. There was a final 6<sup>th</sup> open house on Monday September 15 at the MARC offices. Staff will be seeking Management Council approval at the October 15 meeting and then will present to the board for approval at the November 19 meeting.

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


Dianna Bryant announced that it is time to form a nominating committee for board elections and will need nominees for positions held by Mike Mallon, David Pavlich, Lauran Kurtz and Trent Salsbury. Chris Bussen, Doug Wylie and Jackie Halloran volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. There is one more slot to fill in to meet the committee size requirement.

Nadja Karpilow offered to attend city council meetings to present information on the Missouri paint stewardship bill that will be introduced again this year.

The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for October 15 when the management council will be presented the 14-point plan to be approved and passed on to the board for final approval. The next board meeting is on November 19. The annual meeting and luncheon is scheduled for December 8 at the Kauffman Conference Center on Rockhill Road.

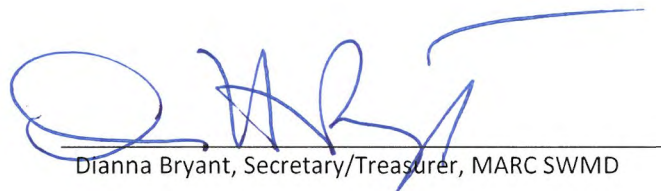
The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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Doug Wylie, Chair MARC SWMD

Approved 11/19/2025



Dianna Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer, MARC SWMD