



## SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

LOCATION: Conference Call/On-line

McMinnville, OR 97128

Minutes: April 20, 2022

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**SWAC Members present:** Dave Larmouth, Nick Godfrey, John Arand, Marcia Mikesch, Gerry Hunter, Jennifer Redmond-Noble

**Staff:** Ashley Watkins, Stephanie Curran

**Public:** Margaret Cross, Susan Watkins, Christopher Carey (Regional Manager for Recology)

**1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Update on Bylaw review: set meeting date to review**

Ashley Watkins: Legal has reviewed the document and gave it back with notes. We need to set up a meeting to go over their revisions. Meeting set for 5/11/22.

**3. Open SWAC position – post again**

No responses or applications since we posted the position, so we will post it again in the future.

**4. Riverbend Update**

Nick Godfrey: We're doing quarterly monitoring and using a third party to do integrated monitoring of emissions. We are preparing 9 acres for closure in June and have completed the demolition of an old house on the property.

**5. Recology Update**

Dave Larmouth: We have a new regional manager, Chris Carey. There was only one issue noted in our 2021 DEQ inspection, the motor oil containers were unlabeled. We are also hoping to put in scales instead of charging people by the yard. We are hoping to open up our office to the public in June 2022.

**6. Rate Review- Recology**

(Refer to packet for figures)

Dave Larmouth: We did not ask for an increase last year, but this year we have increased wages, increased cost of benefits, a full staff and higher inflation. The unexpected closure of Riverbend increased our cost as well, as it cost us more to haul our stuff to the Coffin Butte landfill as it further away and gas prices have increased as

well. We are asking for a 14.75% increase. Nick motioned to approve as stated, Gerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Nick and Dave non-voting members)

**7. WM Updates Hauling**

Even Bergstrom & Gary Nelson: Total tons of waste collected up 5.84% since 2021 and recycling up 7.29%. We got some new equipment, made improvements to the transfer station, and hired 3 new employees. We had no OSHA injuries.

**8. Rate Review- Waste Management Hauling & Transfer Station**

Transfer Station: Operating costs up due to new transfer station upgrades, we are requesting as 7.3% increase to achieve an 88% operating ratio.

Waste Management Hauling: Our fuel expenses are up this year, asking for 8.1% increase to achieve 88% operating ratio.

John motioned to recommend rate increase to BOC, Marcia seconded; motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Dave and Nick non-voting members).

**9. Board Order 88-290: Update fee(s)**

The penalty fee for not tarping your load has not increased since 1988. We want to increase it from \$5 to \$25 to give people incentive to cover their load. Do we want to differentiate between personal and commercial loads?

Dave Larmouth: In Tillamook County, we increased the fee and gave customers a tarp.

Ashley: This would only affect Waste Management as Recology is in the city limits.

Nick Godfrey: Is there an escalation clause in there? It seems like the same people bring untarped loads over and over again; this would help our gatekeeper advocate to our customers the importance of tarping the load.

Gerry: Professionals who are repeat offenders should be subject to an increase in fines because they know better.

Ashley: I will work with legal, rewrite it a little and I'll bring it back to the May 11 meeting.

**10. HHW Event**

The next event is on 6/4/22 in Newberg. Postcards went out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and I emailed 1500 interested parties.

**11. Set next meeting date or site visit**

Decided to have next the meeting on 7/13/22 at the closed Newberg Landfill.

**12. Public Comment**

None

**13. Adjourn**

5:04 pm