

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
LOCATION: Yamhill County Courthouse, Room 32
McMinnville, OR 97128**

MINUTES – October 17, 2018

SWAC members present: Nicholas Godfrey, Dave Larmouth, Jennifer Noble, John Arand, Steve Farley (in at 4:20) **Absent:** Kathy Iler, Joe Cook

Staff: Ashley Watkins, Kimberlee Aldrich, Stephanie Curran, Commissioner Rick Olson

Others in attendance: Casey Kulla, Nicole Montesano, Susan Watkins, Margaret Cross, Ilsa Perse, Ramsey McPhillips

****Audio recorder stopped 8 minutes into meeting**

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes for April & August (Riverbend Visit) meetings

Corrections of the April 2018 meeting are needed, did not vote to approve. Will represent corrected minutes at January 2019 SWAC meeting.

3. HHW Event- October 20th, 2018: Ashley: Event will be held at Recology, McMinnville. Ashley did not send new postcards, used the ones from spring, and advertised on social media. The event was noted in the newspaper. Dave: the past 3 years we have had bad weather and we have had over 300 cars. This year might be busy as nice weather is expected.

4. Review of Riverbend Complaints for 2018: Nick Godfrey – projects: western temporary cap for gas collection; cap in southwest for storm water control. Hydro-seeding is completed. Zero odor complaints in last 5 and a half month, less than 9 over past year. These are available at DEQ.

5. Update on Riverbend Landfill- Nick Godfrey: response for this was combined with #4 on the Agenda.

6. Update on Recology Transfer Station: Dave Larmouth: we've been running station over 9 months now. Staff of 4 on site most days, process 678 tons per month per average. 54% of garbage comes from our own trucks. 155 tons/month from public drop off. Translates to 67 transfer trucks per month, it goes to Coffin Butte near Corvallis.

Q: Commissioner Olson: have you had any odor complaints?

A: Dave Larmouth: we had one complaint but it wasn't about odor, it was about trucks and it turned out it was not one of our trucks.

7. Other business: Kathy Iler's position is vacant. Three positions are coming up for renewal in Feb; John, Steve and Joe's. We are looking for neighbors and property owners. We have the two agencies position filled. These will be posted soon. Ashley stated that she will be updating the solid waste website, as links are broken, and to make it more user friendly.

8. Public Comments:

Susan Watkins: 13340 SW McCabe Chapel Rd, McMinnville, OR. This is directed towards recycling. People are confused about what can and cannot be recycled. It would be helpful to get more educational material out.

Dave Larmouth: Leslie with RWO is creating posters in the recycling area and education material.

Nick: RB has a recycling coordinator on site to help with questions.

Q: How do we get a hold of SWAC minutes? A: **Ashley-** it will be on the updated website. **Dave-** we've had challenges in the past, when we give presentations, that material should be included with the notes and accessible on the website.

Q: Has Waste Management given any thought to using green technology if the landfill gets approval to continue?

A: **Nick:** There have been discussions but nothing nailed down

Margaret Cross, 1102 SW Rust Ln, McMinnville: Asked for an explanation of budget discrepancies between the years.

Kim: The difference in budget was due to extra sampling and maintenance (capping) that was needed for both Newberg and Whiteson Landfills. For more

specific budget information, please talk to Ken Friday.

In regards to a question asked about turning Newberg Landfill into a park:

Ashley stated that there has been a meeting with regards to Newberg Landfill and the possibility of turning it into a park. However, introducing more people onto the closed landfill would require more testing along with maintenance and liabilities that would have to be covered.

Jennifer: Are we finding anything out of spec?

Ashley: Not really, a little high in methane. **Kim:** we are having problems with people going onto the old landfill and building motorcycle jumps. They have ruined a storm water drain and we probably need to look into fencing. We also capped the Newberg Landfill. Along with the Whiteson capping, this will lead to budget differences between the years.

Ilsa Pearse, 5765 Mineral Springs Rd., Carlton: Comment about Riverbend Landfill odor: Summer is not typically the smelly season, so we will see how that goes in the future.

To Nick: What is the increase of height? **Nick:** no increase in height.

To Ashley: we would love you to talk to the Stop the Dump Coalition.

Jennifer: Now that we are looking at Newberg and Whiteson might never go off post closure, are we looking at Riverbend expansion more closely? (Does the county have the fiscal responsibility of sampling indefinitely?)

Nick: We have many sites and have had successful post closures. Once it closes, RB will have fiscal responsibility for maintenance and sampling.

Kim talked about how a review is done every 9-10 years regarding sampling needs, worse case scenarios, and insurance requirements.

Ramsey McPhillips: 13000 SW McPhillips Rd:

The 2 landfills that were closed were not taken over by the county; they were dumped on the county because the companies went bankrupt.

Nick: That is why we have financial assurance documents in place.

Ramsay: Nuisance issues: In 2017 there were a number of complaints filed which generated a nuisance study. There has never been conclusion. Alan H from DEQ said they run out of \$ and they will not be generating a report. So when you say you don't get many complaints it is because we know nothing happens, so we are not bothering to complain anymore. I expect when the rains return, the smell will return as well. Zero Waste would like to be members of

this committee. Every time we have tried, we have been denied by the Commissioners who have put land fill proponents in these positions. I am happy that the website is improving. We would love to participate and provide volunteers for next year's hazardous waste events.

Jennifer: I agree with Ramsey, I would like to have a more diverse committee.

Kim: I know DEQ takes long, but don't give up; we will contact DEQ and check the status on the report.

9. Adjourned 5:00

John Arand, Chair

Date

Ashley Watkins, Solid Waste Management Coordinator

Date

Stephanie Curran, Office Specialist

Date