



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

LOCATION: Conference Call

McMinnville, OR 97128

Minutes: February 24, 2021

SWAC Members present on conference call: Dave Larmouth, Jennifer Redmond-Noble, Nick Godfrey, Joe Cook, John Arand **Absent:**

Public: Gerry Hunter, Margaret Cross, Ilsa Perse

Staff on conference call: Ashley Watkins, Stephanie Curran, Casey Kulla

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of minutes from 2/19/20 & 11/18/20

Nick Godfrey stated date needs to be changed from 2019 to 2020 then made motion to approve February minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Jennifer, unanimously approved.

Motion to approve August minutes made by Nick, seconded by Jennifer, unanimously approved.

3. Code Enforcement: Review of 2020

There were 182 total code enforcement cases in 2020. 37 solid waste cases were closed, 2 cases were issued citations, 7 cases remain on-going. 262 days is the average time frame for code enforcement case. Solid waste cases were down 20% from last year. Cases typically are property owners letting people stay on their property in an RV which leads to solid waste or septic complaints. Our code enforcement is complaint driven, so if you know someone who has a complaint, have them call our code enforcement officer, Mike Kemper. Jennifer said a lot of solid waste being dumped on Peavine Rd. and wondering if this trend is County wide. Ashley said it is and she will address this more under agenda item #6.

4. Updates from WM/RB/Recology

Nick from Riverbend: we survived the ice storm. Current projects: installation of new flare, replacing and adding boots around our wells to increase efficiency and preparing for our spring projects.

Dave from Recology: Noticed nobody from Waste Management at this meeting or the last, wanted to make sure County is contacting correct people about the meeting.

Ashley says she emails Dave Huber and Gary Larson. There was a 3% decrease in 2020 compared to 2019. Debris boxes for commercial sites went down 16%, front load containers were down 6.5 %, home cart tonnage increased by 10 % without a significant increase in customers. Office is still closed to the public; we are about to start sending out reminders and late notices to customers. At some point we will have to interrupt service, usually that gets late customers to contact us.

5. Review of Updated Membership Ordinance & Open positions

Ashley: today is the closing day for SWAC applications, we have received 4 in total. The new ordinance is in effect as of February 3, 2021. There will be seven SWAC positions with 5 voting members and 2 non-voting members. Industry members cannot vote or hold chair or vice chair positions. We now have an attendance requirement, and we have six months to create our bylaws. We will forward all applications to the Commissioners and they will pick two. Everyone currently on committee is expired, I am recommending to counsel that everyone be renewed for one term, based on their original time frame. We will hash out how often we meet during the bylaw sessions, but I called a March meeting because we have six months to complete bylaws, and we need to elect a chair and vice-chair. Dave wanted to know if current members need to re-apply and wondered if the new applications will be updated to ask for current member affiliations to the industry. Ashley doesn't know, but states applicants have been forthcoming about why they want to join SWAC. Casey Kulla advised all current members to fill out a current application. Ashley reiterated we are replacing Steve Farley and Kathy Iler and the other expired members we were asking counsel if they could be renewed based on the date of their original terms.

6. Roadside Litter Pickup

Ashley: Every month I get a bill from Public Works for roadside solid waste pickup. Our budget is \$3500, and we spent \$2500 on this in 2020, about \$780 of this was just for tires. I'm collecting GIS data on where these pickups are occurring to see if there are any trends or patterns. We can put signage up and assess fees in prevalent areas.

7. Public Comments:

Susan Watkins: Is concerned that Ashley said the incumbents were able to renew, there should be a competition. Ashley said she was six months into the position and was following past practice of the former SWAC coordinator, which was to offer incumbents if they wanted to renew before posting for the position.

Ilsa Perse asked Nick if there were any updates on Riverbend's DEQ violation, Nick said no additional comments as they are still working with the EPA.

Susan Watkins stated Nick might want to advertise new phone number to call in complaints about the dump. He stated it is on Riverbend's website and it is 877-686-9328.

Ashley: next Hazardous Household Waste event will be at Newberg on May 22, 2021. It will continue to be by appointment only as that cut down on wait times and traffic back up the road.

Nick motioned to adjourn meeting; Jen seconded. Unanimously approved and adjourned at 4:49



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Public: Margaret Cross, Ilsa Perse, Ramsey McPhillips, Susan Watkins

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1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Introduction of Newest members

Gerry Hunter: owner/operator of two local restaurants, Third Street Pizza and The Diner, board member of Zero Waste.

Marcia Mikesh: Lives and works in McMinnville, board member of Stop the Dump.

3. Vote on Chair/ Vice Chair positions

Marcia Mikesh nominated Jennifer for Chair, Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Nick nominated John for Vice Chair, Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. By Law Discussion/Development

Ashley will email all members links to the by laws of three counties similar to Yamhill County: Benton, Marion, and Washington Counties. Members can review them and send comments and thoughts back to Ashley. She will then compile it into one document that will be reviewed as a group. Nick suggested that Ashley also email members the red lined version of Marion County's by laws that Dave submitted last year when the committee first started talking about by laws.

5. Public Question/Comments

Margaret Cross congratulated new members and asked if she could get a copy of Dave's red lined version of the Marion County by laws as she would like to make public input. Also, DEQ is having a public hearing tomorrow and Friday. It is on the effects of

greenhouse gas emissions from landfills. She wanted to know if any SWAC members would be attending. She will send the link to the meeting to Ashley and Ashley will forward it to the other members.

Ilsa Perse: I have clarification on the upcoming meeting, it is and EQC meeting, and public comments are on Friday at 10:15 am. Also, I think a different format should be used for future SWAC meetings, it is difficult to accomplish things on a conference call.

Ramsey McPhillips: It would be great if SWAC can meet more often now that there are more members. I don't think quarterly is enough, especially with one of those meetings being a tour. I would like to see monthly meetings.

Jennifer: I hope we can meet in person next month; it will be difficult discussing by laws in a Zoom meeting.

6. Adjourn

Jen motioned to adjourn, Marcia seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.