



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
LOCATION: Conference Call/On-line
McMinnville, OR 97128
Minutes: October 19, 2022

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

Staff: Ashley Watkins, Stephanie Curran, Jodi Gollehon- county counsel, Mike Kemper, Casey Kulla

Public: Margaret Cross

Staff on conference call: Ashley Watkins

1. **Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Abatement Case**

Mike Kemper submitted report of his investigation of 15865 NW Berry Creek Rd for violation of the Solid Waste Code. He asked SWAC to review to determine if there is a violation, and if they determine there is, to send written notice to the owner.

John made a motion to find the property in violation and authorize the abatement notice to proceed with a 30-day time frame. Jen seconded. Motion passes 4-0, Dave Larmouth non-voting member.

3. **Recology Franchise Renewal – Dave Larson**

We have a ten-year term agreement with the county, not sooner than 36 months after approval, we can re-apply and push that end date. If we are renewed, it would push it out the date to 2032. The benefit by renewing now and pushing out the end date is it helps us depreciate our equipment more efficiently.

Question was asked if YCSW got many complaints about Recology. Just minor things, such as lack of large dumpsters when Riverbend closed unexpectedly and being able to get a hold of somebody at customer service. The biggest issue was with a property in Amity who did not get trash pickup for three weeks because of a confusion about whether it was a county address or city address. This was resolved.

John motioned to recommend to BOC to accept the renewal application for Recology to extend contract date to 2032, Marcia seconded. Passed unanimously 4-0.

4. Franchise Update

Waste Management Newberg: Ashley

They were fined by DEQ for not having materials covered during a surprise inspection and some leachate escaped. They had several equipment malfunctions that morning with various loaders and got behind which resulted in part of their load being uncovered. They came up plan to prevent this from happening again, including ordering some new equipment and having a rental place they can rent equipment that can handle the job in case of a breakdown or emergency. They are also enlarging their leachate pond.

Recology:

Dave Larmouth gave updates (see handouts for figures). Now sending 10% of their collected materials to Juno recycling instead of Coffin Butte Landfill.

5. Whiteson Landfill Renewal Application

The county's 10-year post closure permit is expiring in 2023 and will be applying to extend this for the next ten years. DEQ says we do not need air quality permits with either Whiteson or Newberg landfill.

6. HHW Event - totals for 2022

Ashley presented the statistics for the two hazardous waste events held in 2022 (refer to handout).

YCSW is thinking of maybe opening a permit hazard waste station in the County. The size at which county is growing and the fact we are at least an hour away from a hazardous dump site makes it something we will be looking into.

7. Plastic Recycling Collection Event 10/22/22

There is a plastic collection event this Saturday sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville, Social and Environmental Justice Committee and First Baptist Church. They are collecting hard to recycle plastics that Recology doesn't take such as plastic bottle lids and taking them to Portland for recycling.

8. Set Meeting for Bylaw review

Set for 11-16-22, Wednesday at 3:30 pm.

9. Public Comment

Margaret Cross: listening to complication with growing amount trash, are we educating people in the county to not buy heavily packaged products? If we can educate people how to reduce their use of package this would be progress.

10. Adjourn

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