

# Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

## Agenda

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1:00pm**

Location: Lewis County Public Works, Second Floor Conference room, 57 W. Main Street, Chehalis  
(ZOOM option available)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members in attendance (In person and on ZOOM)
- III. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** Majority of members required to qualify for quorum
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular February 14, 2023, meeting to be approved
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- VI. **SWAC MEMBERS:** Additional member(s) needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine
- VII. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**
  - A. New Business:
    - Update on the Solid Waste 2024 rate increase
  - B. Reports/Updates:
    - SWAC – Terry Harris, Chair
    - Lemay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, District Manager
    - Department of Ecology – Christina Kullberg, Grants and Planning
    - Code Enforcement – Brian Warren, Public Works Code Enforcement Manager
    - Lewis County Solid Waste – Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager
      - Community Litter Report as presented at Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD)
      - Tonnage Report as presented at SWDD
- VIII. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Member term renewals
- IX. **NEXT MEETING:** June 12, 2024, from 1pm – 3pm
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Please notice that SWAC meetings are open for  
In-person or Zoom attendance.**

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**ZOOM Instructions for  
LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm

Please see below.

**ONLINE:** Attend the meeting via Zoom meeting at  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84694392701?pwd=VGhVbm5rTm5LenpJOVJ0OUhWc3hndz09>

The passcode is 321954.

**BY PHONE:** To attend by phone, call 888-475-4499.  
The meeting ID is 846 9439 2701 and the passcode is 321954.

## Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) – Minutes

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In-Person Meeting with ZOOM option.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order by Terry Harris at 1:03 pm.

II. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attend.	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chair	P	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
Shawn O’Neill	City of Napavine Mayor	UA	Karen Hirte	LCSW Utility, Administrative Assistant
Jason Adams	SWAC Vice-Chair	P(Zoom)	Marissa Briggs	LCSW Utility, Office Assistant
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P(Zoom)	Tina Hemphill	LC Public Works Deputy Director
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	P	Christina Kullberg	Department of Ecology
Robert Spahr	Chehalis City Council	P	Katherine McPherson (Zoom)	WAUTC
Max Vogt	Centralia City Council	P(Zoom)		
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	EA		
Attendance recorded for members.				
P=Present; EA=Excused Absence; UA=Unexcused Absence				

III. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** A quorum was present with five of the eight members in attendance. RCW 70A.205.110 requires a minimum of nine members. The committee is aware of the membership requirements and working on member recruitment.

IV. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** October 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes and January 10, 2024, special meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Tom Rupert and seconded by Jason Adams. Motion Carried.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

VI. **SWAC MEMBERS:**

- Additional member(s) needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine.

VII. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**

A. **New Business:**

- Lewis County Solid Waste 2024 rate increase presentation.
  - Rocky Lyon presented the options for a 2024 rate increase. The two options include the tipping fee to increase to \$115 per ton or \$120 per ton to include 3.6 percent refuse tax and rounded using standard rounding rules. Other rate increases would include bulky materials, yard waste (to include

tree limbs), tires, and refrigerated appliances and AC units. The hope for moving forward with the higher rate increase is that it will prevent the utility from having to increase rates for several years. The utility plans to educate the public about using curbside garbage and recycling to help reduce traffic flow to the facilities.

- The recommendation from the SWAC is to move forward with the \$120 per ton option and all other associated increases. Motion by Robert Spahr and seconded by Jason Adams. Motion Carried.

**B. Reports/Updates:**

- SWAC – Terry Harris – Chair – None.
  
- LeMay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, District Manager, for LeMay Enterprises, Inc.
  - They are looking at the Carts for Kids Program where people can donate \$200 to Mary Bridge Hospital and receive a purple recycling card for your donation.
  
- Department of Ecology – Christina Kullberg, Grants and Planning.
  - They are in the process of reviewing the Solid Waste Plan.
  
- Code Enforcement – Brian Warren, Lewis County Code Enforcement Manager – None.
  
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager.
  - Community Litter Program Report – December.
    - The litter program coordinator and crew spent a total of 46.5 hours cleaning up 12 miles of roadway and 1,160 pounds of litter. This resulted in \$63.15 in fees.
    - The litter program coordinator and crew spent a total of 54 hours cleaning up 5 illegal dumpsites, removing 2,960 pounds of garbage, \$252.12 in fees.
    - Lewis County contracted litter crew – roadside reported spending 16 hours cleaning up 7,780 pounds of litter resulting in \$4,347.75 in labor and disposal fees.
    - Volunteers in Centralia and throughout Lewis County spent 130.50 hours removing 119 bags of litter.
  - Transfer Station Tonnage – December.
    - The combined monthly tonnage was 6,574.
    - YTD combined tonnage was 89,599 which is 97% of the estimated 92,000 tonnage.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Update on the Solid Waste 2024 rate increase.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** April 10, 2024, from 1pm – 3pm. Location: 57 W. Main Street, Chehalis.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Hirte*

Karen Hirte,  
Administrative Assistant  
Lewis County Solid Waste

**Solid Waste Utility  
Community Litter Cleanup Program Summary  
For the Month of February 2024**

**Lewis County Litter Crew**

Supervisor Hours	50.50
Crew Hours	101.00
Road Miles	43.00
Weight (Pounds)	2,140.00
Other Item Fees (TV, Tires and Appliances)	\$ 25.00
Total Disposal Fees	\$ 171.98
Public Works Roads Clean-Up	\$ 335.00

**Illegal Dumpsites**

Supervisor Hours	14.00
Crew Hours	28.00
Dumpsites Cleaned	5.00
Weight (Pounds)	1,380.00
Other Item Fees (TV, Tires and Appliances)	\$ -
Total Disposal Fees	\$ 83.87

**Lewis County Contracted Litter Crew: Roadside**

Crew Hours	-
Road Miles	-
Weight (Pounds)	-
Other Item Fees (TV, Tires and Appliances)	\$ -
Total Labor and Disposal Fees	\$ -

**Interchanges and Intersections**

Hours	69.00
Weight (Pounds)	900.00
Other Item Fees (TV, Tires and Appliances)	\$ -
Total Labor and Disposal Fees	\$ 1,510.41

**Volunteer Litter Clean-up**

Hours	48.50
Weight (Pounds)	-
Bags Collected	146.50
Other Item Fees (TV, Tires and Appliances)	\$ -
Total Disposal Fees	\$ -

*Totals may not foot due to rounding.*

**COMMUNITY LITTER CLEANUP PROGRAM 2024**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Totals
<b>Lewis County Litter Crew</b>													
Supervisor Hours Litter	37.75	50.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.25
Crew Hours	77.00	101.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178.00
Road Miles	47.00	43.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90.00
Road side disposal weight	2,700.00	2,140.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,840.00
Disposal Fees	\$ 183.74	\$ 171.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	355.72
Public Works Roads Clean-Up	\$ -	\$ 335.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	335.00
<b>Illegal Dumpsites</b>													
Supervisor Hours	19.25	14.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.25
Crew Hours	37.00	28.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.00
Dumpsites Cleaned	6.00	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.00
Pounds	2,480.00	1,380.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,860.00
Disposal and labor Fees	\$ 208.11	\$ 83.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	291.98
<b>Lewis County Contracted Litter Crew: Roadside</b>													
Team Hours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Road Miles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pounds of Litter Picked Up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labor and Disposal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Interchanges and Intersections</b>													
Hours	69.00	69.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138.00
Pounds of Litter Picked Up	2,040.00	900.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,940.00
Other Items Picked Up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labor and Disposal Fees	\$ 1,510.41	\$ 1,510.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	3,020.82
Interchanges cleaned:													
<b>Volunteer Litter Clean-up Work</b>													
Hours	90.50	48.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139.00
Pounds of Litter Picked Up	165.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165.00
Bags Collected	311.00	146.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	457.50
Disposal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Centralia Volunteers:** 30 volunteers, 48.50 hours, picked up 53.5 bags of litter and 43 bags of recycling

**Chehalis Volunteers:** 93 bags of litter picked up

**Lewis County Volunteers:**

**Lewis County Drug Court:**

**Litter Clean-up Events:**

Illegal Dumpsites cleaned				
Road & Mile Post	Pounds	Other	Other Fees	# of Sites
Galvin Rd. MP 1	200	-	\$ -	1
Hwy. 6 MP 2	140	-	\$ -	1
Hwy. 603 MP 1	300	-	\$ -	1
Salzer Valley Rd. MP 1	740	-	\$ -	2
	1380	-	\$ -	5

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