

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT No. 1 - MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, July 27, 2026, Meeting Time 10:30 am

Location: Hearing Room, Lewis County Courthouse, Chehalis, WA

- I. Disposal District Commissioner Sean D. Swope called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, Monday, July 27, 2026.

Those in attendance:

Sean D. Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM	Lewis County Commissioner
Scott J. Brummer	Lewis County Commissioner
Rocky Lyon	Lewis County Solid Waste Manager
Geoff Soderquist	Lewis County Public Works Director
Karen Hirte	Lewis County Solid Waste Administrative Assistant Sr.

- II. Quorum verified.

- III. Approval of Minutes.

"Make a motion we approve the minutes from the June 22, 2026, regular meeting."

Motion made by Scott J. Brummer, DVM, and seconded by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM. Motion passes three to zero.

- IV. Public Comment on any final-action items listed on this agenda - None.

- V. Public Hearing – None.

- VI. Board Measures and Proposals – None.

- VII. Transfer Station Operations – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager.

- Community Litter Program Report – June.
 - The litter program supervisor spent 24 hours, and the crew spent 48 hours cleaning up 13 road miles. They picked up a total of 800 pounds.
 - Illegal dumpsites had 63 supervisor hours, 125 crew hours, 16 illegal dumpsites, and 6,980 pounds cleaned up. Total disposal fees for illegal dumpsites were \$1,357.
 - Interchanges and intersections, Cabbros Cleaning Service and City of Centralia had a total cost of \$8,694.
- Centralia reported 18 volunteers spending 70 hours cleaning up 35 bags of litter. Chehalis Clean Team reported two volunteers cleaning up three bags of litter. Gifford Pinchot Trash Force reported one volunteer cleaning up 13 bags and another volunteer spent two hours picking up two bags of litter over 11 miles.
- Transfer Station Tonnage – June.
 - Centralia had 7,205 tons and East Lewis County had 876 tons. Total tonnage for the month was 8,081 with total for the year at 46,982 tons. This is exactly 50% of our estimated tonnage for the year.

- VIII. Financial Reports – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager.

- a. Monthly reports – June.

- Fund 4150 beginning balance was 7,937,185. Revenue per the Munis report was \$1,200,459 with expenses of \$993,203 and showed a net operating gain of 207,256. The ending fund 4150 balance was \$8,144,441.
- Disposal District No. 1 Fund 4150 shows an available cash flow balance of 4,785,807.40.
- Fund 4010 total revenue was \$292,871, which matches our expenses.
- Fund 4020, for June, shows the total transfer in as \$30,581. Total Fund 4020 reserve balance is \$1,393,240.48.

- IX. Legislative Update – None.

- X. Miscellaneous Reports – None.

- XI. Approval of transfer from Solid Waste Disposal District No.1 Fund 4150 to Lewis County Solid Waste Utility.

"I make a motion that we approve transfer from Disposal District No. 1 Fund 4150 in the amount of \$993,203."
Motion made by Scott J. Brummer and seconded by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM. Motion passes three to zero.

XII. Staff Discussion.

a. Final trailer sale.

- We had six trailers left. One trailer sold as surplus and five trailers went to auction. The five trailers brought in a total of \$15,535.

b. East End recycling numbers.

- In June, there was a total of 1,566 receptacles, with 551 of them not serviced and 1,015 of them serviced. So far for 2026, the total tons of commingled recycled material picked up at resident homes was 2,222.57 tons. Cardboard (OCC) picked up in a packer truck was 613.49 tons and OCC picked up in roll-off trucks was 562 tons. There is a grand total of 3,398.06 tons of recycled material picked up so far in 2026.

c. Morton survey.

- The Morton transfer station was originally designed to handle about 50-60 customers a day. We have been getting approximately 140-150 customers a day. Currently, with the lack of space to grow the utility, how do we keep Lewis County customers served? By taking a verbal survey, asking "do you live in Lewis County?", we can determine if a majority are, in fact, from Lewis County, or out of county users. From there, we can determine how best to move forward.

d. Rental agreement.

- The rental agreement for the transfer station has expired. To avoid a huge budget impact, there was discussion of how to best ease out of the loss to the county of the rent. Geoff Soderquist suggested that in 2027, the utility continue to pay the base rent but withhold paying the Capital Fund portion. Then, for four years after that, we lower the rent payment by 25%. The utility will work on a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), resolution and by-law changes.

XIII. Announcements.

- a. We have a Solid Waste Operations Specialist position open.

XIV. Adjournment.

"Move to adjourn."

Motion made by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, and seconded by Scott J. Brummer to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hirte
Lewis County Solid Waste Administrative Assistant Sr.