

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1 - AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday September 27, 2021 Meeting Time 1:30 P.M.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Verification of a Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
- IV. Public Hearing
- V. Board Measures and Proposals
Resolution #003-21 – In the matter of noticing a hearing on proposed fee increases for municipal solid waste received at Lewis County Dept. of Public Works’ Transfer Stations. Proposed fee increases as follows: tipping fee \$100/per ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, bulky waste \$120/ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, yard waste (grass & leaves) \$90/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs, yard waste (tree limbs) \$60/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs and tires (passenger/light truck) \$5 with or without the rims.
- VI. Transfer Station Operations
 - a. Community Litter Program Report
 - b. Transfer Station Tonnages
 - c. Recycling Update
- VII. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Reports August 2021
- VIII. Miscellaneous Reports
- IX. Approve Transfers from the Disposal District #1 Fund

Total payment to Current Expense for Centralia Transfer Station	
Facility Rent for the month of August 2021	\$ 51,000
Total payment to Solid Waste Fund 401 for East Lewis County Transfer Station	
Facility Rent for the month of August 2021	\$ 1,859
Total payment for August 2021 operational expenses to Solid Waste Fund 401	\$ 160,012
Payment to Dietrich Trucking/Wasco County Landfill for August 2021 hauling/disposal	\$ 487,448
Payment to City of Centralia for August 2021 host fee	\$ 16,750
Payment to Department of Revenue for August 2021 taxes	\$ 28,466
Payment for August 2021 credit card fees	\$ 5,960
August 2021 Expense Total	\$ 751,495
- X. Staff Discussion
 - a. Proposed Rate Increases
 - i. Tipping Fee/Minimum
 - ii. Bulky Waste Fee/Minimum
 - iii. Yard Waste Fees/Minimums
 - iv. Tire Disposal Fee
 - b. Equipment Replacement - Excavator
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT MEETING

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

In the effort to keep the public and the county employees safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, Lewis County is still providing a virtual option to attend.

Please see below:

ONLINE Attend the meeting via Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/93204847215>. The passcode is 161490.

BY PHONE To attend by phone, call 888-475-4499. The meeting ID is 93204847215, and the passcode is 085336.

**LEWIS COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1
Regular Meeting
Location: Hearing Room, Lewis County Courthouse, Chehalis, WA
August 23, 2021**

- I. Disposal District Chair Sean Swope called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 23, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Sean Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Lindsey Pollock	Lewis County Commissioner
Josh Metcalf	Director, Lewis County Public Works
Tina Hemphill	Deputy Director, Lewis County Public Works
Kristen Buckman	Office Manager, Lewis County Solid Waste
Teri Lopez	Admin. Assistant, Lewis County Solid Waste
Tom Rupert	Lemay/Waste Connections
Erik Martin	BOCC, County Manager
Austin Majors	BOCC, County Admin.

- II. Verified quorum is present.
- III. Minutes from Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021 – Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Sean Swope to approve minutes of the July 26, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Hearing – None
- V. Board Measures and Proposals – None
- VI. Transfer Station Operations – Presented by Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works
- a. Community Litter Program Report – Litter program coordinator cleaned up 14 illegal dumpsites with 3,540 pounds of garbage, 12 tires and 1 freezer removed.
 - b. Transfer Station Tonnages – Total tonnage for July was 10,613, which was 28% higher than the previous year. Customer count for July was 16,867, which is 22% higher than the previous year. Commissioner Swope asked if other counties are effected with the increase in Solid Waste. Tom Rupert of LeMay/Waste Connections responded that he could speak to the fact that Grays Harbor County is experiencing an increase. Josh stated that as previously discussed development (demolition and construction) debris plays a role in this increase, including the contaminated dirt from the new Dollar General that ran through the facility in July.
 - c. Recycling Update – No update
- VII. Financial Reports – Presented by Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works
- a. Monthly reports July 2021
 - Fund 415 showed a net loss of \$100,740 and an ending balance of \$3,194,046. Fund 415 revenue per the Paradigm scale report for the month of July was \$1,022,931. Revenue listed on the monthly report reflects accounts receivables collected as of 7/31/21. The difference being charge account customers with outstanding balances.
 - Fund 401 expenses, purchased new lids for our recycle boxes, HDR invoices for our feasibility study, retrofit new lights at the CTS site, service flare system for Landfill & HHW disposal.
- VIII. Miscellaneous Reports – None
- IX. Approval of Transfers from Solid Waste Disposal District #1 to Lewis County Solid Waste Utility – Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Sean Swope to approve payments and transfers in the amount of \$750,131. Motion carried.

- X. Staff Discussion – Presented by Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works (Handouts provided)
 - a. Rate Discussion – Josh explained the handouts. He asked the Board to give him direction to take the numbers to SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee) for discussion and recommendations. Both Commissioner Swope and Pollock agreed and recommended further discussions with SWAC.
 - b. Interlocal Landfill Agreement – Cowlitz Landfill. Preliminary conversations have taken place. Formal conversations are scheduled. Commissioner Swope asked how gas prices would affect things overall. Josh stated that he is taking gas prices and staffing shortages into account.
 - c. Equipment Replacement – Excavator at CTS needs replaced. Funds are allocated to cover this purchase.
- XI. Announcements – Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works provided details regarding upcoming recycling events. These events will be covered by grants and help offset the non-continuation of the voucher program.
- XII. Adjournment – With no further business, Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Sean Swope to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teri Lopez
Solid Waste Utility, Admin Assistant

**COMMUNITY LITTER CLEANUP PROGRAM
2021**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD TOTALS
Lewis County Litter Crew													
Supervisor Hours Litter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00
Supervisor Hours Illegal dumping	35.50	41.00	44.50	35.50	36.50	32.50	42.50	40.00					308.00
Road Miles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00
Crew Hours (supervisor)	35.50	41.00	44.50	35.50	36.50	32.50	42.50	40.00					308.00
Road side disposal weight	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00	405.00					885.00
Disposal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00
Illegal Dumpsites													
Dumpsites Cleaned	13.00	12.00	17.00	11.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	12.00					101.00
Pounds	4,120.00	3,980.00	4,360.00	3,860.00	4,560.00	4,200.00	3,540.00	4,160.00					32,780.00
Fees	\$192.07	\$185.55	\$216.65	\$187.84	\$212.59	\$356.43	\$184.95	\$197.16					\$1,733.24
Other item fees (tires, TVs, appliances)	\$255.00	\$152.00	\$213.00	\$170.00	\$279.00	\$149.00	\$79.00	\$131.00					\$1,428.00

Dumpsites cleaned up in August 2021:

Road & Mile Post	Pounds	Other	Fee for Other	Number of Sites
Frost Road MP 0.25	960.00	7 tires on rim	\$35.00	1
Little Hanaford Road MP 1	160.00			1
Halliday Road MP 2	420.00			2
Bishop Road MP 1.5	280.00	4 tires off rim	\$12.00	1
Ingalls Road MP 1	200.00	1 tire on rim	\$5.00	1
Airport Road MP 0.5	220.00	1 tire on rim	\$5.00	1
*Middle Fork Road MP 4	700.00	10 tires on rim; 6 tires off rim	\$68.00	1
Little Hanaford Road MP 2.5	380.00			1
Big Hanaford Road MP 0	220.00			1
Henriot Road MP 1	360.00	1 tire off rim	\$3.00	
Fisher Road MP 0.5	260.00	1 tire off rim	\$3.00	1
	4,160.00		\$131.00	11

*Middle Fork Road at Mile Post 4 was a new site for an illegal dump site clean-up.

The roadside disposal weight was from five litter pickup dates in Centralia. 10 volunteers spent 39 hours picking up 27 bags of litter.

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE UTILITY 2021 - TONNAGES

Month	Central Transfer Station		East Lewis County Transfer Station		2021 Total
	2020	2021	2020	2021	
January	5,610	6,263	588	647	6,910
February	5,112	5,156	691	567	5,723
March	5,719	7,091	707	832	7,923
April	5,840	7,033	812	874	7,907
May	5,832	6,940	769	823	7,763
June	6,486	7,339	839	992	8,332
July	7,487	9,522	815	1,091	10,613
August	7,083	7,687	946	962	8,649
September	6,944		853		-
October	6,703		839		-
November	5,958		611		-
December	6,682		657		-
Total Tonnage	75,457	57,031	9,126	6,789	63,819

Estimated Tonnage for 2021: **90,700**
 Actual Tonnage/Estimated Tonnage: **70%**

Monthly Tonnage Comparison: August

2020	8,029
2021	8,649
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Difference %	8%

Customer Count Comparison: August

2020	14,758
2021	15,114
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Difference %	2%

Solid Waste Disposal District #1

Fund 415 Monthly Report

August 2021

Beginning Fund 415 Balance **3,194,046**

Revenue:

SW Sales & Services	825,365	98.38%
Late Fees	120	0.01%
Over/Short	6	0.00%
Recycling/Miscellaneous Revenue	13,471	1.61%
Total Revenue	838,962	100.00%

Expenses:

Business & Occupational Service Tax	14,498	1.93%
Refuse Tax	13,968	1.86%
Professional Services & Supplies	-	0.00%
Building/Facility Rent	52,859	7.03%
Hauling & Disposal	487,448	64.86%
Credit Card Fees	5,960	0.79%
Host Fee	16,750	2.23%
*Monthly Payment to Fund 401	160,012	21.29%
Total Expenses	751,495	100.00%

Net Operating Income **87,467**

Ending Fund Balance **3,281,513**

Landfill Closure Reserve 287,993

* Next page shows detailed listing of monthly transfer.

Note: Incurred expenses were calculated based on our reported out-bound tonnage.
This interim report is unaudited and intended for management purposes only.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT FUND 415
2021**

66.67% OF YEAR ELAPSED

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD TOTALS	BUDGET	%YTD/Budget
Revenue:															
SW Sales & Services	806,929	554,611	779,979	767,485	777,172	817,294	445,566	825,365					5,774,400	7,580,000	76.18%
Late Fees paid by Customers	105	50	80	90	100	120	120	120					785	1,000	78.50%
Over/Short	-47	0	11	11	9	-17	0	6					-26	0	
Recycling/Misc Revenue	2,666	7,911	8,861	7,126	8,065	11,689	10,246	13,471					70,034	75,000	93.38%
	809,654	562,572	788,931	774,712	785,346	829,085	455,932	838,962	0	0	0	0	5,845,193	7,656,000	76.35%
Expenses:															
Credit Card Fees	4,781	3,650	5,645	6,312	5,756	5,375	6,919	5,960					44,398	50,000	88.80%
Refuse Tax	11,089	8,009	13,552	13,507	13,233	13,365	21,111	13,968					107,835	0	
Business & Occupation Tax	13,976	9,705	13,551	13,319	13,510	14,274	17,711	14,498					110,544	133,980	82.51%
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	1,000	0.00%
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	300	0.00%
*Building/Facility Rent	52,859	52,859	52,859	52,859	52,859	52,859	52,859	52,859					422,872	634,308	66.67%
Hauling / Disposal	465,468	295,527	409,405	412,663	404,873	435,586	258,783	487,448					3,169,753	4,304,000	73.65%
Host Fee	16,750	16,750	16,750	16,750	16,750	16,750	16,750	16,750					134,000	201,000	66.67%
Utility Fund Contracted Services	206,555	163,668	168,130	253,649	205,140	211,922	182,539	160,012					1,551,615	2,742,228	56.58%
	771,479	550,168	679,892	769,059	712,121	750,131	556,672	751,495	0	0	0	0	5,541,017	8,066,816	68.69%
Net Operating Income	38,175	12,405	109,039	5,653	73,225	78,955	(100,740)	87,467	0	0	0	0	304,178		

This spreadsheet is intended to compare the Solid Waste Disposal District YTD totals to the Solid Waste Disposal District budget. Fund 415 balance can be found on the Solid Waste Disposal District monthly report.

***Breakdown of building/facility rent:** CTS monthly rent is \$51,000 and the ELCTS monthly rent is \$1859. CTS monthly rent payments increased from \$38,700 to \$51,000 in Jan. 2010. \$38,700 goes toward a bond payment and \$12,300 is reserved in Solid Waste Fund 401 for capital improvements. Per BOCC Resolution #11-439, when the bond is fully paid in Dec. 2024, the entire \$51,000 payment will be reserved in the Solid Waste capital improvement reserve.

Solid Waste Utility

Fund 401 Monthly Report

August 2021

Revenue:

Grants	47,110	22.54%
Reimbursement for Litter Program	-	0.00%
Misc Revenue	-	0.00%
Rent From Disposal District	1,859	0.89%
Payment From Disposal District	160,012	76.57%
Total Revenue	208,981	100.00%

Expenses:

Admin & Transfer Station Programs		
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	109,460	52.38%
Supplies / Small Tools / Equipment	12,715	6.08%
Fuel Consumed	11,762	5.63%
Professional Services	20,144	9.64%
Utilities	1,858	0.89%
Miscellaneous	600	0.29%
Equipment Rental	1,663	0.80%
ER&R Interfund	22,122	10.59%
Interfund	-	0.00%
Crane & Site Maintenance	117	0.06%
Training / Travel / Subscription	-	0.00%
Recycling Program	9,372	4.48%
Litter Program	6,521	3.12%
Code Compliance Program	-	0.00%
Nuisance Abatement	-	0.00%
Landfill Closure Program	1,715	0.82%
Moderate Risk Waste Program	10,932	5.23%
Capital Improvements	-	0.00%
Total Contracted Service Expense	208,981	100.00%

NET INCOME <LOSS> (0)

Code Compliance	114,876
Crane Reserve (2021)	242,418
Capital Reserve(2010 to 2020)	453,054

Available Reserve Balance 810,348

Note: This interim report is unaudited and intended for management purposes only.

**SOLID WASTE UTILITY FUND 401
2021**

66.67% OF YEAR ELAPSED

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD TOTALS	BUDGET	%YTD/Budget
Revenue:															
WRRED & LSWFA Grant	0	0	0	0	21,420	29,815	0	33,631					84,866	151,000	56.20%
Litter Grant	0	0	0	0	13,035	0	0	13,479					26,514	44,650	59.38%
Rent From Disposal District	1,859	1,859	1,859	1,859	1,859	1,859	1,859	1,859					14,872	22,308	66.67%
Misc Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	400	0.00%
Reimbursement from Litter Crew	0	0	0	0	11,455	0	14,387	0					25,842	140,292	18.42%
Payment From Disposal District	206,555	163,668	168,131	253,649	205,140	211,922	182,539	160,012					1,551,616	2,742,228	56.58%
	208,414	165,527	169,990	255,508	252,909	243,596	198,785	208,981	0	0	0	0	1,703,710	3,100,878	54.94%
Expenses:															
Salary & Benefits	107,128	107,822	109,176	111,650	95,279	106,232	107,595	109,460					854,342	1,300,616	65.69%
Supplies/Small Tools & Equipment	33	4,372	1,141	4,627	1,751	2,853	15,107	12,715					42,599	59,500	71.59%
Fuel Consumed	0	45	50	38	0	45	0	11,762					11,940	21,000	56.86%
Professional Services	13,360	9,525	15,961	37,162	10,080	17,068	34,934	20,144					158,234	309,300	51.16%
Utilities	384	441	2,465	2,364	2,323	1,997	1,832	1,858					13,664	31,200	43.80%
Miscellaneous	1,306	189	2,450	227	104	84	168	600					5,128	13,578	37.77%
Equipment Rental	3,552	1,113	385	3,856	621	621	944	1,663					12,755	11,740	108.64%
Equipment Rental Interfund	0	0	0	0	0	66,366	0	22,122					88,488	136,536	64.81%
Interfund	0	0	0	0	866	866	0	0					1,732	75,854	2.28%
Crane & Site Maintenance	1,058	14,598	4,722	3,643	11,319	4,229	62	117					39,749	138,388	28.72%
Training & Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	2,799	0.00%
Recycling Program	17,110	12,305	11,746	29,124	20,525	12,323	9,931	9,372					122,436	153,368	79.83%
Landfill Closure	1,335	2,184	3,480	13,672	4,829	1,626	6,609	1,715					35,450	63,750	55.61%
Code Compliance Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	100,000	0.00%
Nuisance Abatement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0	0.00%
Litter Program	6,508	6,500	6,517	6,694	6,634	17,030	6,726	6,521					63,131	186,993	33.76%
Moderate Risk Waste	6,640	6,434	11,897	17,334	17,515	12,255	14,876	10,932					97,884	165,855	59.02%
Capital Improvements/Repairs	0	0	0	25,118	81,063	0	0	0					106,181	340,400	31.19%
	158,414	165,527	169,990	255,508	252,909	243,596	198,785	208,981	0	0	0	0	1,653,713	3,110,877	53.16%
Net Operating Income/Loss	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000		

**CRANE RESERVE
PAYMENT**

50,000 FOR REPLACEMENT CRANE RESERVE TOTAL \$242,418

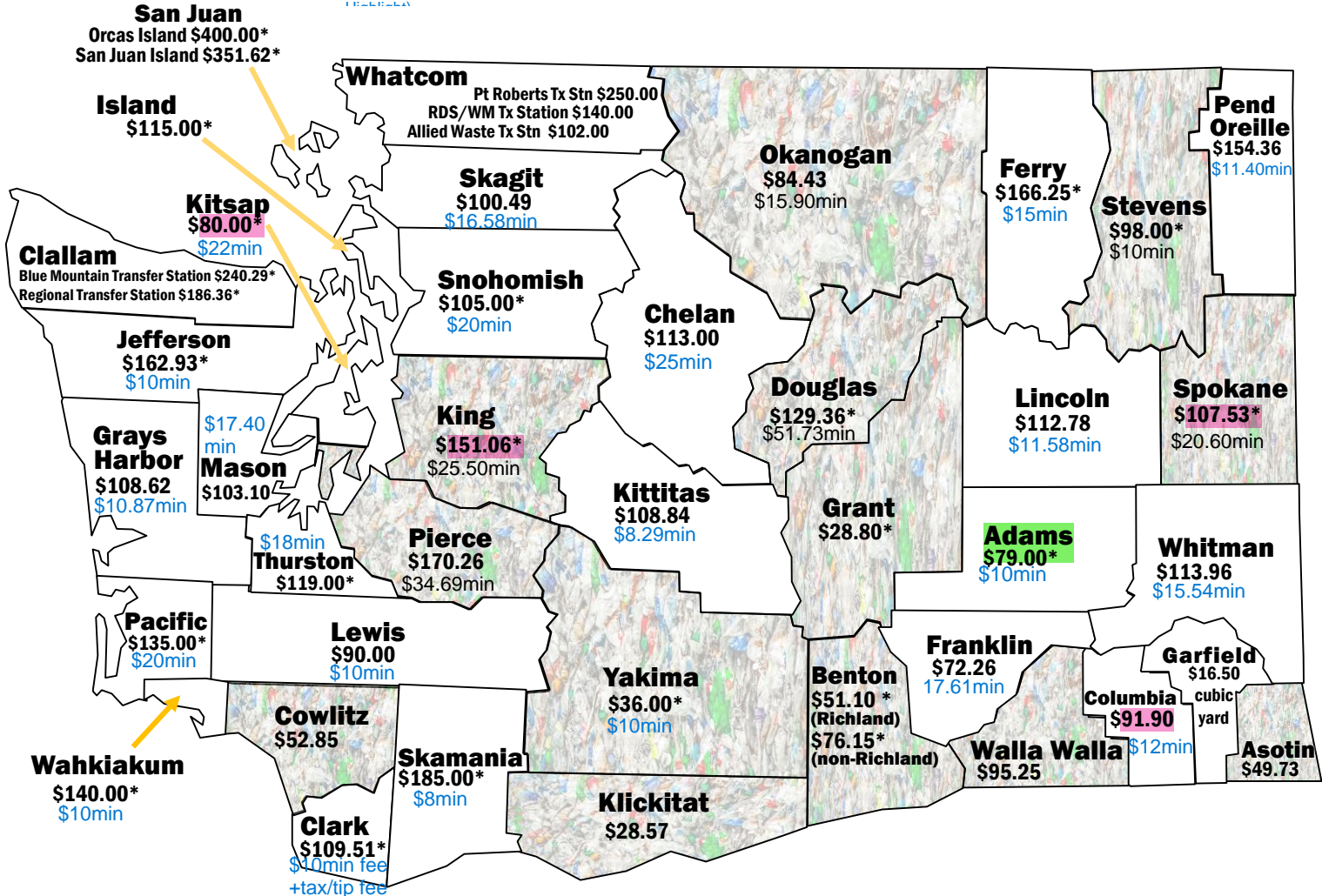
**This sheet is intended to compare Solid Waste Utility YTD totals to the Solid Waste Utility Budget.
Fund 401 reserve balances can be found on the Solid Waste Utility monthly report.**

	Municipal Solid Waste	Bulky Waste	Yard Waste (Grass & Leaves) Silver Springs	Yard Waste (Tree Limbs)	Tires (passenger/ light truck)
Current Rate	\$90/Ton	\$110/Ton	\$60/Ton	\$60/Ton	\$3/no rim or \$5/w rim
Current Minimum	\$10/200lbs	\$10/200lbs	\$5/160lbs	\$5/160lbs	n/a
Proposed Rate	\$100/Ton	\$120/Ton	\$90/Ton	\$60/Ton	\$5 w or w/o rim
Proposed Minimum	\$15/200lbs	\$15/200lbs	\$10/160lbs	\$10/160lbs	n/a
Disposal/ Hauling Expense	\$52.29		\$79.20	\$49.65	\$1.86
Operating Expenses/Capital Improvements	\$48.05	\$20.23	\$9.88	\$7.75	\$3.56
Total	\$100.34	\$120.57	\$89.08	\$57.40	\$5.42

Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees (per ton) - 2019

Tip Fees increased in 2021 (Pink Highlight)

Tip Fee Increased in 2020 (Green Highlight)



 **Counties with an incinerator or MSW landfill**
*3.6 Refuse Tax included



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1

SWDD: SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE SERVICES

ITEM: RE: IN THE MATTER OF NOTICING A HEARING ON PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE RECEIVED AT LEWIS COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS' TRANSFER STATIONS. PROPOSED FEE INCREASES AS FOLLOWS: TIPPING FEE \$100/PER TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/200LBS, BULKY WASTE \$120/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/200LBS, YARD WASTE (GRASS & LEAVES) \$90/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/160LBS, YARD WASTE (TREE LIMBS) \$60/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/160LBS AND TIRES (PASSENGER/LIGHT TRUCK) \$5 WITH OR WITHOUT THE RIMS. **RESOLUTION #003-21**

CONTACT: ROCKY LYON, SOLID WASTE MANAGER/JOSH METCALF, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Discussion

This resolution sets 1:30 p.m., October 25, 2021, as the time and day for the Board of the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District to hold a public hearing about a proposal to increase the municipal solid waste (MSW) tipping fee charged at the Central Transfer Station (CTS) in Centralia and the East Lewis County Transfer Station (ELCTS) in Morton.

When the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 (District) began operating the (CTS) in 1994, the MSW tipping fee was established at \$95 per ton. Defeasance of bonds reduced the District's financial obligations in 1997, and as a result, the District authorized the tipping fee lowered to \$82 per ton at the CTS and the ELCTS, which began operation in 1997. The District Fund 415 was profitable until the economy weakened, and MSW tonnage declined, resulting in revenue losses even though Solid Waste management reduced operating expenditures to alleviate declining revenue, as a result, the MSW tipping fee increased in 2014 by \$8 to \$90 per ton.

A review of the finances for Lewis County Solid Waste indicate a need to increase disposal fees. Reserves need built. They are at the minimum required amount. Equipment needs replaced. It has reached its life expectancy. Facility needs upgrades. It has reached its capacity to serve the needs of the Lewis County residents. The fee increases will be as follows: tipping fee \$100/per ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, bulky waste \$120/ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, yard waste (grass & leaves) \$90/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs, yard waste (tree limbs) \$60/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs and tires (passenger/light truck) \$5 with or without the rims.

According to RCW 70.95.212, the new tipping fee may be effective at least 75 days after haulers have been given notice so that solid waste collection companies have time to prepare and submit tariffs and rate filings for public comment; and to allow time for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to review the collection companies' tariff requests.

Action:

Approve the resolution to set a public hearing on or after 1:30 p.m., October 25, 2021, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, allowing the public to be seen and heard regarding the above listed proposed fee increases.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLUTION NO. 003-21

RE: IN THE MATTER OF NOTICING A HEARING ON PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE RECEIVED AT LEWIS COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS' TRANSFER STATIONS. PROPOSED FEE INCREASES AS FOLLOWS: TIPPING FEE \$100/PER TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/200LBS, BULKY WASTE \$120/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/200LBS, YARD WASTE (GRASS & LEAVES) \$90/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/160LBS, YARD WASTE (TREE LIMBS) \$60/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/160LBS AND TIRES (PASSENGER/LIGHT TRUCK) \$5 WITH OR WITHOUT THE RIMS.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 (District) is responsible for collecting fees necessary to pay for the handling and disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW), pursuant to the following: RCW 36.58.130 states a Solid Waste Disposal District is authorized to collect fees necessary to pay for the handling and disposal of MSW; and LCC, Article II – Solid Waste Disposal District – Chapter 8.15.210 states that the District is authorized to “establish solid waste service charges within Lewis County to cover the cost of solid waste disposal; and,

WHEREAS, the District began operating the Central Transfer Station on April 1, 1994, and charged a tipping fee of \$95.00 per ton for MSW received at the facility, as authorized by District Resolution 001-94; and,

WHEREAS, District Resolution 004-97 authorized that the \$95.00 per ton fee be lowered to \$82.00 per ton. The defeasance of bonds reduced the financial obligations of the District and allowed the tipping fee to be lowered to \$82.00 per ton at the Central Transfer Station and the East Lewis County Transfer Station, which began operation in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the District Fund 415 was profitable until the economy weakened and MSW tonnage at solid waste disposal facilities declined, although Solid Waste management reduced operating expenditures to mitigate declining revenue, as authorized by District Resolution 007-13; tipping fees were increased to \$90 per ton at the Central Transfer Station and the East Lewis County Transfer Station; and,

WHEREAS, A review of the finances for Lewis County Solid Waste indicate a need to increase disposal fees. Reserves need built, equipment needs replaced and the facility needs upgrades. All to serve the needs of the Lewis County residents; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed fee increases are as follows: tipping fee \$100/per ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, bulky waste \$120/ton with a minimum of \$15/200lbs, yard waste (grass & leaves) \$90/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs, yard waste (tree limbs) \$60/ton with a minimum of \$10/160lbs and tires (passenger/light truck) \$5 with or without the rims.

WHEREAS, under Chapter 70.95, RCW, the new tipping fee would be effective at least seventy-five (75) days after haulers have been given notice so that solid waste collection companies have sufficient time to prepare and submit tariffs and rate filings for public comment; and to allow time for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission time to review the collection companies' tariff requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 25th day of October, 2021, at or after the hour of 1:30 P.M., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historical Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, has been fixed by said Board of the District as the time and place for the hearing on said proposed fee increases listed above effective February 1, 2022, when and where all persons may appear and be heard upon said proposal; and that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all necessary notifications, posting, and publication.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 27th day of September 2021.

**LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

Chair

Member

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Member