

**-LEWIS COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1
Virtual ZOOM Meeting
January 25, 2021**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Disposal District New Chair Sean Swope at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Sean Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Lindsey Pollock	Lewis County Commissioner
Gary Stamper	Lewis County Commissioner
Terry Harris	SWAC, Chair
Tom Rupert	Lemay/Waste Connections
Edna Fund	Centralia Citizen
Eric Eisenberg	Chief Civil DPA, Lewis County
Josh Metcalf	Director, Lewis County Public Works
Greg Gachowsky	Manager, Lewis County Solid Waste (LCSW)
Melanie Case	Recycling Program Coordinator, (LCSW)
Laurie Fife	Administrative Assistant, Sr. (LCSW)

- II. Verified quorum is present.
- III. Minutes from Regular Meeting of December 28, 2020
Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Sean Swope to approve minutes of the December 28, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Hearing – None
- V. Board Measures and Proposals – **Disposal District Resolution No. 001-21**
Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Sean Swope to approve Disposal District Resolution No. 001-21: Appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for Governing Board of Commissioners of the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1. Motion carried.
- VI. Transfer Station Operations
A. Community Litter Program Report – 17 illegal dumpsites reported. Utility is still unable to access offender labor to conduct normal litter control program. Have had some interest in restarting the *Adopt-a-Road* Program.
B. Transfer Station Tonnages – Still high tonnage amounts for this late in the year, surpassed the 2020 estimation by 8%. The monthly tonnages for October, November, and December all include tons from the Fire Mountain Farms cleanup for 3,866 tons.
C. Host Fee Report –Includes 33.5 tons of free disposal from City of Centralia.
- VII. Miscellaneous Reports
Eric Eisenberg recommended that the Recycling Report be added to the agenda.
Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Gary Stamper to add Recycle Reporting back into Section VI Transfer Station Operations, subsection D. Motion carried.
Melanie presented a “*Recycle Reset*” Update - educating the public about changes to recycling at the transfer stations: elimination of commingled recycling. The Utility purchased two new mixed paper collection containers in December to encourage the collection of clean, separated mixed-paper products. The Utility will send out educational material in early February. The Plastic Bag Ban has been set back to July 1st by Governor Inslee.
- VIII. Financial Reports
A. Disposal District and Utility Income Statements – The District’s statement showed a net operating loss of (\$192,054) for December 2020, and the ending balance of District Fund 415 was \$3,242,575. Increased revenue was due to higher tonnage (8,843 tons), which resulted in increased expenditures. Delays in processing a small amount of December 2020 invoices has caused a 13 month, which will coincide with January 2021 transfer. Salaries and Benefits are higher, based on the overtime and holiday work schedules. This is one of the main reasons for hiring two new Operations Specialists in 2021.

- B. Approval of Transfers from Solid Waste Disposal District #1 to Lewis County Solid Waste Utility
Motion by Gary Stamper and seconded by Lindsey Pollock to approve payments and transfers in the amount of \$1,043,093.00. Motion carried.

IX. Staff Discussion

- A. Disposal District Overview – Greg shared documents of interest regarding the Disposal District with the new commissioners: Interlocal Agreement for the Solid Waste Administration, Responsibilities of the County (Fund 401) and the District (Fund 415) and information sheet.
- B. Cowlitz County Landfill conversations continue – Cowlitz County is requesting that both Lewis County and the Solid Waste Disposal District be signatories to an inter-local agreement, should negotiations come to fruition between the entities for solid waste disposal. Conversations continue between these entities in the interest of a future agreement. This maneuver would be at a cost savings to Lewis County.

X. Announcements – None

With no further business, ***Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by Gary Stamper to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Fife
Solid Waste
Administrative Assistant, Sr.