

# LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair, Terry Harris.

#### The following members attended:

Don Bradshaw	Winlock Citizen
Bob Taylor	Master Recyclers-Composters
Terry Harris	Chehalis Citizen
Jason Adams	Agriculture/WSU Extension Program Coordinator - ZOOM
Peppy Elizaga	Business & Recycling Industry - Hampton Lumber Mill-ZOOM
Samantha Fleischner	Organics & Recycling Industry - Silver Springs Organics - ZOOM
Tom Rupert	Solid Waste/Recycling Industry - Lewis County Curbside Mgr., Waste Connections, Inc.-ZOOM
Eddie Lewis	Commercial Recycling – Waste Connections, Inc. – ZOOM
Max Vogt	City of Centralia Councilman - ZOOM

#### The following non-members attended

Bill Teitzel	Lewis Co. Public Health and Social Services - ZOOM
Peter Lyon	Department of Ecology – ZOOM
Nick Harbert	Waste Management - ZOOM
Steve Gilmore	Republic Services – ZOOM
Josh Metcalf	Lewis Co. Public Works, Director
Kallan Kersavage	Lewis Co. Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Greg Gachowsky	Lewis Co. Solid Waste Manager
Melanie Case	Lewis Co. Recycle Coordinator
Laurie Fife	Lewis Co. Solid Waste Administrative Assistant, Sr.

### 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present with nine (9) of ten members in attendance.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**Motion made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Samantha Fleischer to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.**

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- SWAC By-Laws
  - Final review of changes made to the SWAC By-Laws were discussed last month. SWAC agreed on changes and an updated version will be brought to Chair/Vice-Chair for signature in January.

*Question: Bob Taylor asked for an explanation of the difference between an Officer and a Board member? Greg's response was they are the same.*

**Motion made by Don Bradshaw and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the SWAC By-Laws with updates as presented. Motion carried.**

- Used-oil Satellite Collection Tanks - review of changes and requested information on Satellite Oil Collection Program.
  - Polling of the four remaining sites - Onalaska and Packwood have requested to be removed from the program. Winlock and PeEll, will be meeting with their councils regarding their options.
  - Contamination Costs - Morton Transfer Station has a contaminated tank and an estimate for cleaning is \$2,800. This does not include the oil disposal cost.

- There are no businesses taking used oil off the I-5 corridor.
- Determine amount of gallons received by private businesses from residents (via Ecology). Not able to obtain this information per Ecology.

*Comment: Peter Lyon mentioned that the statute strongly encourages the county work with private businesses to receive annual reporting on the amount of gallons collected from the public.*

Options to consider

1. Continue current program
2. Transfer Sponsorship to cities or other entities
3. Close satellite sites

*Question: Terry Harris asked if the personnel cost mentioned earlier is an additional or an existing cost. Greg's response was it is an existing cost.*

SWAC agreed to hold off on making a decision until Greg hears back from Winlock and PeEll, topic carried over to January 2021.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- Lewis County Contamination Reduction Outreach Plan (CROP) – Lewis County is required to develop a CROP and include in the Solid Waste Management Plan by deadline July 1, 2021.

CROP Requirements:

1. A list of actions to reduce contamination in all existing recycling programs.
2. A list of key contaminants in recycling programs.
3. A discussion of problem contaminants and their impact on the collection system.
4. An analysis of the costs and other impacts to the recycling system from contamination.
5. An implementation schedule and details on conducting outreach.

Asking SWAC to use part of future monthly meetings to help develop the CROP and will have a draft at the January 13, 2021 meeting.

*Question: Bob Taylor asked would this CROP include curbside pickup. Peter Lyon responded that he would encourage working with Waste Connections.*

## **6. REPORTS/UPDATES**

- SWAC  
Terry Harris, Chair – No report.
- Lemay/Waste Connections  
Tom Rupert, District Manager – Filed a request for a rate increase with the WUTC for unincorporated Lewis County. The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC November 1, 2010. Since that time, the company has experienced higher costs for employee wages & benefits, fuel, and truck equipment. Letters went to all customers explaining how this increase will affect their charges.
- Department of Ecology  
Peter Lyon – Governor has issued 2021 budget, a base of \$10 million for LSWFA and Ecology has asked for an additional \$15 million. Plastic Bag Ban will go into effect January 1, 2021 and will include a detailed education and complaint/feedback form. Businesses are required to charge a minimum eight cents per bag and retail and food service establishments.
- Lewis County Code Enforcement  
Bill Teitzel – Tire event at the fairgrounds was a great success. Illegal dumpsites are increasing and unable to find any information for tracking culprits, plus had a few calls for dumped needles. Abatement case at 414 Russell Rd, which should finalize in the first quarter of 2021. Working on Sutter Metal's solid waste permit application. Exempt Inspection of 77 Recycle went well and impressed with their products. Island County made a decision regarding drug use at a property and contamination, which could affect local law

enforcement and public health in the future. We will be working with the PA's office to implement a plan for Lewis County. Exempt Inspection of 77 Recycle went well and impressed with their products.

*Question: Don Bradshaw asked about dumpsite on Jones Road. Bill responded it is a problematic situation.*

- Lewis County Solid Waste  
Greg Gachowsky, Manager – Tonnage is up showing the impact related to COVID had on the amount of waste people brought in to transfer stations. October includes Fire Mountain Farms contaminated bio-solids.  
Melanie Case, Recycling Coordinator – MRCs and MGs Annual Christmas tree recycling 12/26 thru 1/10/21. The Recycle Reset kickoff will start January 2; this is the beginning of the end of commingled recycling and returning to source-separated. There will be a three-month education period for the public; plastics will no longer be accepted at the transfer stations, only by curbside pickup. This is a huge part of the CROP previously mentioned.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Open invites are still going out to all members of the Disposal District (cities) to join SWAC.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion made to adjourn by Don Bradshaw and seconded by Bob Taylor. Motion carried.***

Chair Terry Harris adjourned meeting at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Fife  
Administrative Assistant, Sr.