

## LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1 - MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 Meeting Time 1:30 pm

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

- I. Disposal District Commissioner Scott J. Brummer called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Monday, February 27, 2023.

Those in attendance:

Scott J. Brummer	Lewis County Commissioner
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM	Lewis County Commissioner
Sean D. Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Nic Scott	Lewis County Public Information Specialist
Josh Metcalf	Lewis County Public Works Director
Tina Hemphill	Lewis County Public Works Deputy Director
Tom Rupert	Lemay Enterprises, Inc. District Manager
Terry Harris (ZOOM)	Solid Waste Advisory Committee Chairman
Rocky Lyon	Lewis County Solid Waste Manager
Kristen Buckman	Lewis County Solid Waste Office Manager
Karen Hirte	Lewis County Solid Waste Office Assistant

- II. Quorum verified.

- III. Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 regular meeting.  
Motion by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, and second by Sean D. Swope. Motion carried.

- 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.

- a. Community Litter Program Report – January.

- Litter program coordinator cleaned up 11 illegal dumpsites removing 5,220 pounds of garbage, 13 tires, 4 TV's and 1 refrigerator.
- Volunteers in Centralia and throughout Lewis County spent 158 hours removing 40 bags of litter.

- b. Transfer Station Tonnage – January.

- Combined monthly tonnage was 7,325.

- c. Recycling update – None.

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

- a. Monthly reports – January.

- Fund 415 revenue per the Munis report was \$393,837 and showed a net operating gain of \$52,097. The ending fund balance was \$4,623,701.
- Fund 401 expenses.
  - Crane and Site Maintenance.
  - Professional Services.
  - Recycling Program.
  - Litter Program.
  - Moderate Risk Waste Program.

- IX. Legislative Update.
- a. Rocky met with Representative Abbarno and spoke about upcoming bills.
- Annually money from the Solid Waste Refuse Tax (3.6%) should be going to Solid Waste facilities. Currently, the refuse tax has been going to the Washington State Education Fund. By the end of 2023, the bill in place should sunset and funds should start going back into the Public Works Financial Assistance Plan fund.
  - With regard to the Washington Recycling and Packaging (WRAP) Act/Bottle Bill, Solid Waste is in support of the recycling programs as a whole. There is an ability to opt out of the collection system at our facility. As written, if we opt in, the recycling system will be a Connex Box and an employee will be provided to run it. Revenue would go to corporations funding the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Bill.
  - The main interest for Solid Waste is the unclaimed deposit revenue. There is hope it will come back to fund Solid Waste and recycle services.
  - Commissioner Pollock questioned if we opt out of services, do we lose other recycling programs? Rocky explained we currently opt out of Paint Care and are not declined grant money. We just cannot accept paint accepted by the Paint Care program. With the new system, if we opt out, we will still collect commodity credit through curbside recycling and other options.
- X. Miscellaneous Reports – None.
- XI. Approval of Transfers from Solid Waste Disposal District #1 to Lewis County Solid Waste Utility. Motion by Sean D. Swope and second by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, to approve payments and transfers in the amount of \$429,715 for Year End 2022 and the month of January. Motion carried.
- XII. Staff Discussion – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager.
- a. Curbside Recycling Lid-Lift Audit and Cart Tagging and Multi Family Recycling Pilot Program.
- Curbside recycling is now offered to all Lewis County residents. Funding has been received for education and outreach. We will work with a consulting group, Resource Synergy, who will go to each resident, inspect their recycle bins, and leave a notice if they are utilizing the bin properly or need some clarification. Magnets, flyers and updates will be sent out to all residents.
- b. New Organics Management Law.
- Not all cities in Lewis County are required to adopt this ordinance.
  - Solid Waste is already following the requirements of the law. Rocky will attend the Mayor’s meeting to update them on Friday, March 3, 2023.
- c. Solid Waste Management Plan.
- We are working with Herrera Consulting on the plan. They anticipate to have it complete by June 30, 2023 for review.
- d. Litter Program.
- Last year Cabbros Cleaning Services worked two days a week cleaning up roadside litter. All grant money and Solid Waste Roadside Litter budget was utilized. This year, we budgeted for Cabbros to work one day a week.
  - Rocky is reaching out to temp agencies to compile information for a more affordable resource.
  - Inmates are not currently cleared to work the litter program.
- XIII. Announcements – None.
- XIV. Adjournment – With no further business, motion by Scott J. Brummer and second by Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hirte  
Solid Waste Utility, Office Assistant