

**LEWIS COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1  
Regular Meeting  
Location: Hearing Room, Lewis County Courthouse, Chehalis, WA  
February 22, 2021**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Disposal District New Chair Sean Swope at 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 22, 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
Josh Metcalf	Director, Lewis County Public Works
Greg Gachowsky	Manager, Lewis County Solid Waste (LCSW)
Melanie Case	Recycling Program Coordinator (LCSW)
Karen Hirte	Administrative Assistant (LCSW)

- II. Verified quorum is present.
- III. Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021  
***Motion by Gary Stamper and seconded by Lindsey Pollock to approve minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Hearing – None
- V. Board Measures and Proposals – None
- VI. Transfer Station Operations
- A. Community Litter Program Report – 11 illegal dumpsites reported. Utility is still unable to access offender labor to conduct normal litter control program. Still seeing many tires at illegal dump sites.
  - B. Transfer Station Tonnages – Provided a new monthly tonnage-tracking format that compares previous year to current monthly tonnage, and customer counts.
  - C. Host Fee Report – This will be last Host Fee Report for 2021 since there is no free tonnage per the terms of the Host Fee Agreement.
  - D. Recycling Update – *Recycle Reset* continues and commingled will be removed from county transfer stations starting March 1. Noticing an amount of customers in recycling area disposing of garbage. Utility believes these folks are abusing the transfer station and are not simply “confused” on how to recycle.
- VII. Miscellaneous Reports – None
- VIII. Financial Reports
- A. 2020 Year-end Disposal District and Utility Income Statements – The District’s statement showed \$39,507 in expenses from 2020, and the ending balance of District Fund 415 was \$3,203,068. Remaining expenses from 2020 were related to State Auditor Fees, inter-fund transfers from Code Compliance (Public Health), hazardous waste disposal costs, and 2 lingering invoices from landfill sampling analysis from earlier in 2020.
  - 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 \$38,002. Motion carried.***
  - C. Disposal District and Utility Income Statements – The District’s statement showed a net operating loss of (\$74,482) for January 2021, and the ending balance of District Fund 415 was \$3,168,093. Increased expenditures are related to one-time annual costs for software support for the Utility’s scale software and a large recycling outreach effort. In January of each year, \$50,000 is placed into the Utility Crane Reserve for heavy equipment replacement (excavators).

- D. 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 \$884,287. Motion carried.**

IX. Staff Discussion

- A. Voucher Program Planning – Greg shared figures related to the last 5 years of the residential free disposal voucher program. Only a single-digit percentage of households in the county actually participate in the program. However, the Utility shoulders the entirety of the costs related to the program, including \$68,800 in disposal costs in 2019. Suggestion was made to consider transitioning the current program into a partnership with incorporated areas where the Utility would provide disposal of bulky items (yard waste, tires, and appliances) covered under an Ecology grant. All three Commissioners posed different suggestions and asked questions about the legitimacy of the current program. The Commissioners looked to their SWAC for a recommendation on the future of the voucher program.

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,

Greg Gachowsky  
Solid Waste Utility Manager