

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

### Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday February 28, 2022 Meeting Time 1:30pm

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

- I. Disposal District Chair Sean Swope called the meeting to order at 1:30pm, Monday, February 28, 2022.

Those in attendance:

Sean Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Lindsey Pollock	Lewis County Commissioner
F. Lee Grose	Lewis County Commissioner
Tina Hemphill	Deputy Director, Public Works
Rocky Lyon	Manager, Lewis County Solid Waste
Tom Rupert	Lemay/Waste Connections (Zoom)
Austin Majors	Lewis County Public Information Specialist
Teri Lopez	Admin. Assistant, Lewis County Solid Waste

- II. Quorum verified.

- III. Approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 regular meeting.  
Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by F. Lee Grose. Motion carried.

- IV. Public Hearing

- Commissioner Gross referenced an email that was sent to the BOCC on Sunday, February 27, 2022 using the “contact us” link on their webpage in regards to storm water drains at the East Lewis County Transfer Station. It was agreed to discuss it at this point in the meeting.
- Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager was forwarded the email on February 28, 2022 at 10:30am. He reviewed the email prior to the meeting. He provided the facts surrounding the industrial storm water drain requirements for East Lewis County to the commissioners.
- The Department of Ecology contacted Lewis County Solid Waste approximately 6 weeks ago, to begin the permitting process for ELCTS. Procedures are being followed to accomplish the task. ELCTS was not previously required to be permitted.

- V. Board Measures and Proposals – None

- VI. Transfer Station Operations – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager

- a. Community Litter Program Report – In January, the Litter program coordinator cleaned up 15 illegal dumpsites, removing 3,640 pounds of garbage, 12 tires, 3 TV’s and 1 washer. The Centralia Adopt-a-Road volunteers recorded 20 litter pickup dates. 29 volunteers spent 62 hours picking up 131 bags of litter. Neighbors on Coal Creek Road organized a litter pickup along the roadside in late January in which they collected 260 pounds of litter.
- b. Transfer Station Tonnages – Total tonnage for January was 7,104 pounds which is 14% less than last year. Customer count was 11,701 which is 2% more than last year.
- c. Recycling Update – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager
  - Transfer Station Recycling:
    - Savings on OPS staff hauling our own boxes was \$2,225, compared to January 2021. We did have to pay for four glass boxes to be hauled in two trips down to a recycling facility in Portland and two paper boxes to be hauled to a facility in Tacoma.
    - No recyclables were disposed of this month, compared to 19.29 tons of commingled recycling thrown away in January 2021, because of excessive contamination.

- Community Recycle Events:
  - Vader hosted a Scrap Metal Recycle Event on Feb. 19. Utility staff coordinated the event, and City of Vader volunteers staffed the event, which was open to all Lewis County residents at the old Winlock Drop Box. The event collected about 6 tons of scrap metal and household appliances.
  - Several events have been scheduled for 2022. Some upcoming highlights:
    - Tire Recycling Event in Centralia March 25 and 26 in conjunction with City of Centralia.
    - Satellite Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Morton on April 7, Packwood on April 9, and April 23 in Winlock.
    - Earth Day 2022 in Centralia on April 23 at the Floral Park Sustainability Center near the transfer station in Centralia.
    - Chips for Trails: Wood debris chipping event at McMurphy Park on Annonen Road in Vader.
- Community Recycle Boxes:
  - The Utility recently added corrugated cardboard to the list of recyclable items that can be dropped off in the Community Recycle Box in Packwood. This box is located behind the Presbyterian Thrift & Gift. In addition to cardboard, residents can recycle plastic bottles, plastic jugs and plastic dairy tubs.
  - The Utility added a scrap metal recycling box at this location. Residents can now recycle scrap metal along with aluminum cans and tin cans in this box.
- Roadside Litter Pickup:
  - The Utility hired a roadside litter pickup crew after issuing an RFP for this work. The Cabbros Cleaning crew has worked four full day, and picked up 5,340 pounds of litter off Jackson Highway.

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

a. Monthly reports January 2022

- Fund 415 revenue per the Paradigm scale report was \$269,107 and showed a net operating loss of \$160,880. The ending balance was \$2,951,394.
- Fund 401 expenses –
  - Professional Services \$12,694
  - Recycling Program had expenses totaling \$9,163 with the Litter Program having \$6,769 in costs.
  - The Moderate Risk Waste Program \$8,109.

VIII. Miscellaneous Reports- Nothing to report.

IX. Approval of Transfers from Solid Waste Disposal District #1 to Lewis County Solid Waste Utility  
Motion by F. Lee Grose and seconded by Lindsey Pollock to approve payments and transfers in the amount of \$15,276 for year-end 2021 and \$429,987 for the month of January. Motion carried.

X. Staff Discussion – Presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager

a. Hauling and Disposal

- Current contract set to expire 04/01/22. A 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to extend the contract for an additional year is in the process of being signed by LeMay's, Wasco and Solid Waste.
- Extending contract in order to have time to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Hauling Company to begin hauling our Solid Waste and to negotiate a contract with Cowlitz County Landfill.

b. Long Haul Trailer Purchases

- Rocky will present more details in meetings to come but wanted the idea before the commissioners.

c. SWAC – two members resigned in December.

- No meetings in January and February. March will be the first meeting of 2022.
- Councilor from Napavine expressed an interest in joining. Waiting on a letter of intent.
- City of Chehalis Clerk emailed to indicate Councilor Jerry Lord wishes to still serve on the committee. No confirmation received from Councilor Lord.

d. Commissioner Swope inquired about the process that started March of 2021 with HDR regarding finding an alternate locations for CTS. He noted that all the locations that HDR selected and presented to SWDD were not appropriate. HDR was to provide additional choices. Rocky responded by stating HDR did not provide any additional location, nor did they provide a feasibility study or rate structure, as they were contracted. Rocky confirmed for the commissioners that HDR was not compensated for work they did not complete. Discussion continued regarding the three items HDR was to address. Further discussion is required.

XI. Announcements – None

XII. Adjournment – With no further business, Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by F. Lee Grose to adjourn the meeting at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri Lopez".

Teri Lopez  
Solid Waste Utility, Administrative Assistant