

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1 - MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday March 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, March 28, 2022.

Those in attendance:

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| Sean Swope | Lewis County Commissioner |
| Lindsey Pollock | Lewis County Commissioner |
| F. Lee Grose | Lewis County Commissioner |
| Josh Metcalf | Lewis County Public Works Director |
| Tina Hemphill | Lewis County Public Works Deputy Director |
| Rocky Lyon | Lewis County Solid Waste Manager |
| Tom Rupert | LeMay Enterprises Inc. District Manager (Zoom) |
| Austin Majors | Lewis County Public Information Specialist |
| Teri Lopez | Lewis County Solid Waste Administrative Assistant |

- II. Quorum verified.

- III. Approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 regular meeting.
Motion by F. Lee Grose and seconded by Lindsey Pollock. Motion carried.

- IV. Public Hearing – None.

- V. Board Measures and Proposals – None.

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

- a. Community Litter Program Report – February.

- Litter program coordinator cleaned up 15 illegal dumpsites, removing 5,140 pounds of garbage, 160 tires, 6 TV's, 1 refrigerator and 1 appliance.
- The contracted roadside litter crew, cleaned 20 miles of roadside removing 5,180 pounds of litter.
- Volunteers in Centralia: 22 groups picked up 88 bags of litter removing 1,320 pounds.
- Volunteers picked up litter at the intersection of Avery Road and Hwy 603: 5 people picked up 4 bags of litter removing 60 pounds.
- Lewis County volunteers: 2 people, picked up 4 bags of litter removing 60 pounds.
- Commissioner Swope inquired about a program to pay homeless to pick up litter, noting that he saw a known homeless man picking up trash. Rocky replied that Solid Waste does not at this time have such a program.
- Commissioner Grose inquired about the Adopt-A-Road program. Rocky replied that the program is relaunching on Earth Day, April 22nd. A workshop is being held at the Floral Street Project location.

- b. Transfer Station Tonnages – Total tonnage for February was 6,899 tons which is 21% more than last year. Customer count was 9,964 which is 15% more than last year.

- Commissioner Swope commented on the consistent double digit increases in both tonnage and customers. Are the increases construction related? Are they due to customers discontinuing services with LeMay?
- Tom Rupert commented that Lemay's has a consistent 5-6% increase each year.
- Commissioner Swope stated that the Central Transfer Station is servicing all the growth in the Winlock area. He suggested readdressing the possibility of an additional transfer station.
- Commissioner Pollock stated that the increase may be due to the turnover in property ownership. Properties that were neglected are being purchased and cleaned up.
- Josh Metcalf, Public Works Director noted that in his drives around the county he has observed many run down properties being cleaned up. He further stated that if the county continues its growth then the solid waste numbers will continue to increase.

c. Recycling Update

- Melanie Case, Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator is preparing a presentation for the next meeting to include 2021 highlights, reflecting the positive effects of Recycle Reset.
- The Tire Recycling event jointly hosted with the City of Centralia on March 25th and 26th was very successful.
- Commissioner Grose asked if there was any discussion with SWAC or the district regarding curbside recycling for the areas east of Morton. Josh Metcalf stated that he had a long conversation with the Packwood association at their meeting on Friday the 25th, regarding recycling. If Packwood is wanting additional recycling drop off locations besides what is at the Presbyterian Thrift Store, finding a location is the first step. The county does not own any property in Packwood nor does the county manage curbside pickup.
- Commissioner Swope asked Tom Rupert about the number of customers needed to make curbside recycling in the areas east of Packwood possible. Tom did not have those numbers at his fingertips. He commented that when this topic was discussed in years past, it was noted that in order to make it feasible the county would need to make the service mandatory, much like it is the west county. But at that time the county did not want to make the service mandatory for that area. Tom stated that he is open to discussions if this is a topic the county wishes to pursue.
- Commissioner Swope inquired into the possibility of an online survey to residents in the areas east of Morton regarding their interest in curbside recycling.

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

a. Monthly reports February 2022

- Fund 415 revenue per the Paradigm scale report was \$316,693 and showed a net operating loss of \$450,111. The ending balance was \$2,501,283.
- Fund 401 expenses
 - Professional Services \$44,062 (Wood Chipping).
 - Recycling Program had expenses totaling \$11,470 with the Litter Program having \$12,968 in costs.
 - The Moderate Risk Waste Program \$13,588.

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 \$36,070 for year-end 2021 and \$766,804 for the month of February. Motion carried.

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

a. Hauling and Disposal

- Working on agreements with Cowlitz County Landfill, Lemay's and Wasco Landfill to update the 4th amendment to the hauling and disposal contract to include transporting to both landfills.

XI. Announcements – None.

XII. Adjournment – With no further business, Motion by Lindsey Pollock and seconded by F. Lee Grose to adjourn the meeting at 2:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez
Solid Waste Utility, Administrative Assistant