

Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, March 09, 2022 at 1:00pm

**Location: Lewis County Public Services, Large Conference room, 2025 NE Kresky Ave, Chehalis
In-Person Meeting with ZOOM option.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order by Bob Taylor at 1:00pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chairman	P	Kim Ashmore (Zoom)	Public Works Director, City of Centralia
Bob Taylor	SWAC Co-Chairman	P	JP Anderson	LC Public Health & Social Services Director
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	P (Zoom)	Jeff Miller (Zoom)	Former LC Resident
Peppy Elizaga	Business/Hampton Lumber	P	Chris Rathe (Zoom)	Seattle Area – Renewable Energy
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	UA		
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	P	Melanie Case	LCSW Utility, Recycling Coordinator
Max Vogt	Centralia Mayor	P (Zoom)	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	P	Teri Lopez	LCSW Utility, Admin Assistant
Attendance recorded for members.				
P=Present; EA=Excused Absence; UA=Unexcused Absence				

3. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** At 1:30 the chairman, Terry Harris arrived and discussion was had amongst the committee regarding the minimum number of member requirement. Both the Chairman, Terry Harris and the Co-Chairman, Bob Taylor based on their years of service on the committee interpret RCW 70A.205.110 (the requirement to have a minimum of 9 members) to be a suggested guidance not a hard rule. Based on their interpretation the committee moved forward in agreement that a quorum was present with seven (7) of the eight (8) members in attendance.
4. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** December 08, 2021 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Tom Rupert and seconded by Peppy Elizaga. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
6. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** Bob Taylor was nominated for Chairman by Terry Harris. No other nominations were proposed. Motion carried. Terry Harris was nominated by Tom Rupert for Co-Chairman. No other nominations were proposed. Motion carried.
7. **SWAC MEMBERS:** Review By-Laws. Committee members reviewed By-Laws prior to meeting. Bob asked the committee if they felt any areas required updating. The consensus was all seemed in order.
(See also above comments under Verification of Quorum.)

8. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**

A. **Review Action Items:** Completed action items will remain on the table for the next month’s meeting minutes before removal. Date in “Comments/Resolution” section indicates when last update occurred.

Action Item #	Task Description	Responsible Person	Comments/Resolution
081121-A	Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan	Solid Waste Staff	Chapter 1 draft reviewed by SWAC and comments submitted to Rocky by 12/15/21. Bob’s main suggestion was to move the historical information on the delay in a new plan to a prologue. Committee discussed and agreed. Melanie will make the changes. Chapter 2 & 6 drafts being submitted for SWAC review. Melanie gave a brief overview. Comments to be provided to Rocky by 03/25/2022.

B. **Reports/Updates:**

- SWAC – Bob Taylor, Co-Chair – No new information pertaining to SWAC.
- LeMay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, District Manager
 - Yard Waste Facility still underway. Working through some zoning issues. Next step is the SEPA process.
- Department of Ecology – Olivia Carros – Not in attendance.
- Code Enforcement – JP Anderson
 - Working on a new Code Enforcement Manager to replace Bill Teitzel.
 - A new Environmental Health Manager has been hired and starting in April.
 - Bob Taylor questioned JP Anderson regarding Bio Solids in Lewis County. JP informed the committee that he and the commissioners were educating themselves on Bio Solids and that a meeting was scheduled for later in the day with Ecology, JP and the commissioners. JP also reminded the committee that all decisions regarding the permitting for Bio Solids in Lewis County is handled by the Department of Ecology.
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager
 - Community Recycling Events – Melanie Case
 - Scrap metal recycling event at the Winlock/Vader drop box in coordination with the City of Vader on 02/19/22. 6 tons of scrap metal collected.
 - Additional events coming in April and May.
 - Community Litter 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.
 - New litter crew hired for road side clean up with the assistance of Ecology grant funding. In just two weeks of working 2 days a week the crew has picked up over 10,000 pounds in trash. They will begin trash pickup in the triangle areas at highway/freeway interchanges in Lewis County.
 - Bob inquired about the Packwood group. Melanie confirmed that they are still active.
 - Melanie further commented on the number of phone calls she is receiving from other citizens and citizen group asking about how to get involved in litter pickup.
 - Adopt-a-road to relaunch around Earth Day.
 - Kim Ashmore, City of Centralia stated the Centralia Clean Team is working with individuals in Chehalis to start a Chehalis Clean Team. He also shared some stats on the amount of trash picked up by the Centralia Clean Team.

- Tonnage Report as presented at SWDD - 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.
- Long Haul/Disposal Contract – 4th Amendment being signed to extend the contract with LeMay's and Wasco. Rising fuel prices are a concern. Discussions are in the works on ways to improve the process. More details to follow at next meeting.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Bob Taylor decided to pose a “quiz question” regarding fire extinguishers and the proper disposal. He brought one into the meeting that per Bob was fully discharged. Rocky let him know that they can be received at the Hazo Hut even if fully discharged if that makes the customer feel more comfortable. But Fire Extinguisher that are fully discharged can be disposed of at the transfer station as part of regular garbage which is what the scale attendant informed Bob on Saturday when he was at the transfer station.

10. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** New members and further interpretation of the By-laws.

11. **NEXT MEETING:** April 13, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez,
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Lewis County Solid Waste