

Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 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 Terry Harris at 1:02pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chair	P	Robert Spahr	Chehalis City Council
Peppy Elizaga	SWAC Vice-Chair	P	Brian Warren	Code Enforcement Manager
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	P (Zoom)	Olivia Carros	Department of Ecology
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)		
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	EA	Josh Metcalf	Public Works, Director
Max Vogt	Centralia City Council	P (Zoom)	Tina Hemphill	Public Works, Deputy Director
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
			Melanie Case	LCSW Utility, Recycling Coordinator
			Teri Lopez	LCSW Utility, Admin Assistant
Attendance recorded for members.				
P=Present; EA=Excused Absence; UA=Unexcused Absence				

3. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** A quorum was present with six (6) of the seven members in attendance. RCW 70A.205.110 requires a minimum of 9 members. The committee is aware and is working on member recruitment.
4. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** March 09, 2022 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Peppy Elizaga and seconded by Samantha Winkle. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** Bob Taylor resigned from the Board which required new elections. Terry Harris was nominated for Chair. No other nominations were proposed. Motion carried. Peppy Elizaga was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were proposed. Motion carried.
7. **SWAC MEMBERS:**
 - Robert Spahr, Chehalis Councilor submitted letter of interest to be presented to the BOCC.
 - Additional member(s) are needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine.

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	<i>Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan</i>	<i>Solid Waste Staff</i>	<i>Chapter 2 & 6 drafts submitted for SWAC review. Comments provided to Rocky by 03/25/2022. Chapter 3 being submitted for review. Comments to be provided by 05/25/2022. Melanie gave a brief overview.</i>

B. **Reports/Updates:**

- SWAC – Terry Harris, Chair – No new information.
- LeMay/Waste Connections – Samantha Winkle, Waste Connections
 - Meridian Hill is a new composting facility being built on property acquired from TransAlta.
 - At the Commissioners meeting on May 3rd code was amendment to allow permitting of a composting facility in an industrial area. Currently in the appeal process and then application will be submitted to all applicable departments.
 - Meridian Hill will be a composting facility for yard and food waste, only. No Bio-Solids.
 - It will be built in 2 stages, each stage capable of composting up to 90 Thousand tons per year and will be a “Covered Area Static Pile” composting facility.
 - It will provide 20-25 jobs.
 - Layout photos were shared via the Zoom screen.
- Department of Ecology – Olivia Carros
 - Does SWAC want a presentation from the Department of Ecology on the “Use Food Well Washington Plan” whose purpose is to: Goal 1: Reduce food waste generated by 50 percent by 2030 and Goal 2: Reduce at least half of edible food waste by 2030.
 - House Bill 1799 passed on March 3. It takes a number of steps aimed at reducing landfilling of food scraps, yard debris and other organic material streams. Ecology is putting together a list of FAQ’s. Olivia encouraged SWAC to send in any specific questions regarding the Bill.
- Code Enforcement – Brian Warren
 - New to position and learning. He has been handling the majority of the hulk vehicle cases.
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager
 - Community Recycling Events
 - Community events are successful, with more planned. Flyers provided.
 - Recycle Reset 1 year update - Melanie Case, Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator prepared a presentation regarding Recycle Reset which was presented by Rocky Lyon, Solid Waste Manager.
 - Kicked off Jan. 1, 2021.
 - Flyers mailed to county residents/Publicity.
 - WSU Lewis County MRC Volunteers/Utility Staff in recycling areas.
 - Removal of Commingled Recycling and Plastic Recycling.
 - Source Separated: glass bottles & jars; cardboard; paper; metal.
 - Two-month grace period. No commingled/plastics after March 1.
 - March 2020 to February 2021 Commingled: Discarded: 325 tons of contaminated materials with a cost to haul & dispose of \$9,236.
 - Recycle Reset’s First 12 Months reflects an overall net gain of \$17,866 with 113 tons of paper, 501 tons of metal, 306 tons of cardboard and 244 tons of glass recycled.
 - Recycle Reset Part II: Awarded \$80,000 Waste Reduction & Recycling Education Grant.
 - Summer 2022, Lid lift/Cart tagging Project with the help of LeMay/Waste Connections.

- Community Litter Report – March
 - Litter program coordinator cleaned up 18 illegal dumpsites removing 4,880 pounds of garbage, 25 tires, 1 TV, 1 refrigerator and 1 freezer.
 - The contracted roadside litter crew cleaned 7 miles of roadside removing 1,900 pounds of litter.
 - The contracted Interchanges and Intersections crew spent 64 hours removing 8,740 pounds of litter.
 - Volunteers in Centralia and throughout Lewis County spent 144.5 hours removing 225 bags of litter.
 - Tonnage Report as presented at SWDD - Total tonnage for March was 8,233 tons which is 4% more than last year. Customer count was 11,572 which is 14% less than last year.
 - Discuss quarterly meetings vs. monthly – Rocky presented idea to committee. Committee will give it thought and will discuss at next meeting.
- Questions:
 - Max Vogt, Councilor for City of Centralia, asked about a poster/flyer regarding what can and cannot be recycled. Melanie responded that it may be an option to work with LeMay in the future to get an updated flyer out to curbside recyclers.
 - Terry Harris, SWAC Chair, asked about the rules on recycling pop bottle and pop bottle lids. Soda companies are advertising that both can be recycled. Melanie responded that the facilities that process the plastic recycling for LeMay are not designed for pop bottle lids, just the pop bottles.

9. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

10. **NEXT MEETING:** June 08, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez,
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Lewis County Solid Waste