

Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, June 08, 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 1:04pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chair	P	Sean Swope	Lewis County Commissioner
Peppy Elizaga	SWAC Vice-Chair	P	Laura Busby	Department of Ecology
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	P (Zoom)	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)	Melanie Case	LCSW Utility, Recycling Coordinator
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	EA	Teri Lopez	LCSW Utility, Administrative Assistant
Max Vogt	Centralia City Council	P (Zoom)		
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)		
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:** May 11, 2022 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Peppy Elizaga and seconded by Samantha Winkle. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **SWAC MEMBERS:**
 - Additional member(s) are needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine.
 - Robert Spahr, City of Chehalis Councilor will be joining.
 - Rocky spoke with a representative from the City of Centralia waste water treatment facility in regards to joining. Rocky will follow up.

7. 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 1, 2, 3 and 6 previously reviewed. Organics chapter requires additional research due to all the legislative changes. Chapter 5 presented to SWAC for review. Comments are to be provided to Rocky Lyon by 06/24/2022.</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.
 - Currently in the appeal process, application will be submitted on July 8.
 - Meridian Hill will be a composting facility for yard and food waste, only. No Bio-Solids and no compostable products.
 - Samantha offered assistance to Melanie regarding the legislation surrounding organics. She shared some basic facts regarding Bill 1799.
- Department of Ecology – Laura Busby, Grants and Planning
 - Olivia Carros introduced Laura Busby as the new Ecology representative for Grants, the plan update, and SWAC.
 - Laura shared information and contacts. She followed up with an email which was forwarded to all of SWAC to use as reference.
- Code Enforcement – Brian Warren – Excused Absence.
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager
 - Community Litter Report as presented at SWDD.
 - Litter program coordinator cleaned up 16 illegal dumpsites removing 4,100 pounds of garbage, 20 tires, and 1 refrigerator.
 - The contracted roadside litter crew cleaned 33 miles of roadside removing 5,000 pounds of litter.
 - Volunteers in Centralia and throughout the county spent 139.5 hours removing 183 bags of litter.
 - Tonnage Report as presented at SWDD.
 - Total tonnage for April was 7,598 tons which is 4% less than last year. Customer count was 11,552 which is 18% less than last year.
 - Storm water permits approved for ELCTS.
 - Curbside Recycling in East Lewis County – Survey being prepared.
 - Draft letter and survey presented to SWAC for review and comment.
 - Discuss quarterly meetings vs. monthly.
 - After discussion it was proposed to change to every other month meetings. Change was Motioned by Peppy Elizaga and seconded by Jason Adams. Motion Carried.

- Questions:
 - Max Vogt, Councilor for City of Centralia, asked about curbside garbage picked up in Centralia, where does it go from beginning to end? Rocky responded that it is picked by LeMay and brought to the transfer station. From the transfer station it is loaded into semi-truck trailers and hauled to Cowlitz County Landfill.
 - Jason Adams, WSU Extension asked about curbside plastic recyclables and the process. Rocky responded that commingled recycling is collected by LeMay and taken to Sutter Metals where it's compacted and bailed. It is then transported to Pioneer Recycling where it is sorted and separated. Melanie stated that at Pioneer the recycling is sorted into each commodity. Each commodity is consolidated and transported to its respective recycling market. For example, plastic is transported to British Columbia for processing.
 - Max Vogt, Councilor for City of Centralia, asked what the procedures are regarding bagging trash and recyclables. Melanie Case responded that trash should be bagged but recyclables should not.
 - Jason Adams, WSU Extension asked if anyone would like to take a tour of the Centralia Waste Water Treatment plant. He has to confirm dates and times. He will follow up.

8. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Members needed for Budget Sub Committee.

9. **NEXT MEETING:** August 10, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez,
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Lewis County Solid Waste