

## Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 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 1:01pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chair	P	Laura Busby	Department of Ecology
Peppy Elizaga	SWAC Vice-Chair	P	Tina Hemphill	LC Public Works, Deputy Director
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	EA	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)	Karen Hirte	LCSW, Office Assistant
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	P		
Max Vogt	Centralia City Council	P (Zoom)	Robert Spahr	Chehalis City Council
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:** June 08, 2022 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Tom Rupert and seconded by Peppy Elizaga. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **SWAC MEMBERS:**
  - Additional member(s) needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine.
    - Robert Spahr will be an official member in October.
    - Rocky asked Max to reach out to Kim Ashmore regarding recruiting Ron Middleton.
  - Members needed for Budget Sub Committee to meet in September.
    - Terry Harris, Jason Adams and Tom Rupert volunteered.
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. Will be hiring a consultant to finish the plan.</i>

**B. Reports/Updates:**

- SWAC – Terry Harris, Chair – No new information.
- LeMay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, Waste Connections – No new information.
- Department of Ecology – Laura Busby, Grants and Planning
  - Presented a power point. SWAC Hot Topics.
    - Emailed after meeting to SWAC Committee for future reference.
- Code Enforcement – Brian Warren – Excused Absence.
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager
  - Community Litter Program Report – June.
    - Litter program coordinator cleaned up 14 illegal dumpsites removing 3,980 pounds of garbage, 19 tires, 6 semi-truck tires and 2 refrigerators.
    - The contracted roadside litter crew spent 64 hours cleaning 23.5 miles removing 2,960 pounds of litter.
    - The contracted interchanges/intersections litter crew spent 16 hours removing 1,260 pounds of litter along 5 freeway ramps.
    - Volunteers in Centralia and throughout Lewis County spent 132 hours removing 172 bags of litter.
  - Transfer Station Tonnage – July.
    - Total tonnage was 8,543 tons which is 3% more than last year.
    - Customer count was 12,806 which is 6% less than last year.
  - East Lewis County Transfer Station was closed on Wednesday's and Thursday's for the month of July. This decision was made due to a labor shortage.
  - Adopt-A-Road approved 08/09/22.
  - Curbside Recycling in East Lewis County
    - Survey letter and postcard mailed July 19, 2022. Ads were placed in the East County Journal and The White Pass Shopper starting on Wednesday, July 20. And a link to take the survey was added to the Solid Waste webpage. Responses are coming in and being tracked on a spreadsheet.
    - 464 surveys received to-date. 47% interested in curbside recycling and 53% are not.

8. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** 2023 Budget Presentation.

9. **NEXT MEETING:** October 12, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez,  
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Lewis County Solid Waste