

Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 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 1:05pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chair	P	Laura Busby (Zoom)	Department of Ecology
Peppy Elizaga	SWAC Vice-Chair	P	Dan Mortenson (Zoom)	Morton City Mayor
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	P (Zoom)	Katherine McPherson	WUTC
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)	Tina Hemphill	LC Public Works Deputy Director
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	EA	Brian Warren	LC Code Enforcement Manager
Robert Spahr	Chehalis City Council	P	Rocky Lyon	LC Solid Waste Manager
Max Vogt	Centralia City Council	UA	Melanie Case	LC Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)	Teri Lopez	LC Solid Waste Administrative Assist.
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 eight members in attendance. RCW 70A.205.110 requires a minimum of 9 members. The committee is aware of the membership requirements, and is working on member recruitment.
4. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** October 12, 2022 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Peppy Elizaga and seconded by Robert Spahr. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **SWAC MEMBERS:**
 - Additional member(s) needed to reach the minimum requirement of nine.
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>RFQ to hire a consultant to finish the plan publicized and due 12/02/22. Proposals received. Staff is reviewing and will discuss at a meeting scheduled for 12/19/22. Meetings with consultants to follow.</i>

B. Reports/Updates:

- SWAC – Terry Harris, Chair – No new information.

- LeMay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, Waste Connections. – Excused Absence.
 - Eddie Lewis, Waste Connections reported that plans are underway with the passing of the update to the Recycling Ordinance.
 - Samantha Winkle, Waste Connections provided an update on the new composting facility. Permit process is on track and should be completed by March 2023.

- Department of Ecology – Laura Busby, Grants and Planning.
 - Compost Procurement Ordinance (CPO) – Joint CPO’s are not allowed by law - a recent review by the Attorney General and MRSC (Municipal Research Service Center) finds that each jurisdiction is required to adopt their own ordinance. Jurisdictions can work together to draft identical or similar CPO’s for separate adoption. Focus sheets are updated to address this change.
 - Questions were asked and a discussion ensued regarding the CPO. Samantha Winkle was part of the committee that advised on the creation. She stated that there is unclear language in the CPO. Laura responded and also stated she will provide an email to Teri with links for additional information.
 - Melanie informed the group that the county does have a draft ready to be presented to the SWDD in January. She offered to send the draft to any city interested.
 - The MRSC is a free legal resource for local governments.
 - BYO Bag Campaign – Ecology has launched a media campaign to promote reusing carryout bags. It has a simple message: Save money, reduce waste, bring your own bag! There is a Bag Ban toolkit to utilize - Washington State Department of Ecology materials and photos.
 - US EPA announces funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Bil). \$100 million will be available in grants for recycling infrastructure and recycling education and outreach projects.
 - Markets for most commodities have declined dramatically in recent months. Ecology regularly updates PNW market data for plastics, fiber, metal, and glass and posts the data in the BOX library at least every two months.
 - Paintcare has produced some YouTube videos that explain the program well. You can post and share these to promote the program in your area.
 - An email with all the links Laura discussed was sent to SWAC after the meeting.

- Code Enforcement – Brian Warren.
 - Currently 183 open code violation cases, 65-75% are solid waste related. The year began with 333 open cases. They have processed 356 Hulk Vehicle Affidavits issued for over 800 vehicles to-date.

- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager.
 - Community Litter Program Report – October.
 - Litter program coordinator cleaned up 11 illegal dumpsites removing 5,220 pounds of garbage, 17 tires, 5 semi-truck tires, 1 appliance and 1 refrigerator.
 - The contracted roadside litter crew spent 56 hours cleaning 28.5 miles removing 3,360 pounds of litter.
 - Volunteers in Centralia and throughout Lewis County spent 37 hours removing 67 bags of litter.
 - Transfer Station Tonnage – October.
 - Combined CTS and ELCTS monthly tonnage was 9,277.
 - YTD combined tonnage was 87,937 which was 101% of estimated tonnage of 87,000.
 - Curbside Recycling in East Lewis County.
 - Melanie Case informed the group that the update to the ordinance expanding curbside recycling to all of Lewis County was passed by the BOCC on 11/29/22.
 - CTS and ELCTS rental agreements in the process of renewal.
 - Presented at the directors update 12/14/22 and are scheduled for the 12/20/22 BOCC business meeting. Rental agreements will be extended for two years.

- RFP for recycling boxes completed and company chosen.
 - Two boxes have been ordered and will arrive Spring of 2023. Two additional boxes will be ordered to arrive by end of 2023.
- Paradigm software upgrade scheduled for February 1, 2023.
 - Contract finalized and signed with Point & Pay, the third party vendor for credit cards. This brings the Transfer Station into compliance with EMV by allowing us to run cards using the chip readers. The card fee will now be \$2 and is collected by Point & Pay within the transaction. This fee was negotiated to be a flat fee of \$2 versus a fluctuating fee. Signs have been posted and flyers made informing the public of the change.
- Melanie, Kallan Kersavage, Hazardous Waste Coordinator and Teri have been working with the cities to get additional community events on the calendar for 2023.
- Transfer Stations will be closed beginning in 2023 for all calendar Holidays to the public. Proper notifications have been provided.
- RFP sent out for a consultant for the Curbside Recycling Lid-Lift Audit & Cart Tagging Project which also include a Multifamily Recycling Pilot program. It is due 12/16/22.

8. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Jason asked about Pyrolysis. Melanie gave Jason the name of a company in Oregon.

9. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

10. **NEXT MEETING:** February 8, 2023 from 1pm – 3pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Teri Lopez,
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Lewis County Solid Waste