

Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Minutes

Wednesday, December 08, 2021 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 1:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** *Members in attendance.*

Member Name	Representation	Attendance	Non- Member Name	Representation
Terry Harris	SWAC Chairman	P	Olivia Carros	Department of Ecology (Zoom)
Bob Taylor	SWAC Co-Chairman	P	Shannon Jones	Department of Ecology (Zoom)
Jason Adams	WSU Extension/ Agriculture	P (Zoom)	Kathryn McPherson	WA UTC (Zoom)
Don Bradshaw	Citizen/Winlock	P	Mathew Perkinson	WA UTC (Zoom)
Peppy Elizaga	Business/Hampton Lumber	P	Bill Teitzel	LC Public Health & Social Services
Eddie Lewis	Waste Management Industry	P (Zoom)		
Jerry Lord	Chehalis Councilperson	UA	Rocky Lyon	LCSW Utility, Manager
Tom Rupert	Waste Management Industry	P	Teri Lopez	LCSW Utility, Admin Assistant
Max Vogt	Centralia Mayor	P (Zoom)		
Samantha Winkle	Waste Management Industry	EA		
Attendance recorded for members. P=Present; EA=Excused Absence; UA=Unexcused Absence				

3. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** A quorum was present with eight (8) of the ten members in attendance.
4. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** November 10, 2021 meeting minutes approved by motion. Motioned by Peppy Elizaga and seconded by Bob Taylor. Motion Carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Bradshaw, Citizen/Winlock asked to speak. He thanked the group for the opportunity to serve on the committee but due to health issues he needs to resign.
6. **SWAC MEMBERS:** Member participation requirements and resignations.
 - Don Bradshaw indicated to Rocky that he was going to resign when Rocky called and checked in with him.
 - Jerry Lord, councilman for City of Chehalis and SWAC member, while attending the EAC meeting in November, communicated verbally with Rocky Lyon and Teri Lopez; that he did not have time to attend SWAC meeting which is why he had not attended any in 2021.
 - Rocky sent an email to Jerry asking for a formal resignation and did not receive a reply.
 - Mayor Dawes, City of Chehalis, was also notified. He was not aware that Jerry Lord had not attended the required meetings. He recognized the need to follow the SWAC by-laws regarding attendance. He will pass along the need for a new representative to the incoming mayor.
 - It was decided by the SWAC committee to accept his verbal communication as his resignation.
 - By-laws require at a minimum 9 members. SWAC and Solid Waste Staff will be working to find a new member.

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
071421-A	<i>Review Proposed Revisions to the Solid Waste Code</i>	<i>Code Enforcement</i>	<i>12/08/2021 – no new updates</i>
081121-A	<i>Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan</i>	<i>Solid Waste Staff</i>	<i>Chapter 1 draft complete and ready for SWAC review. Email comments to Rocky. Review to be completed by 12/15/21.</i>

B. **Reports/Updates:**

- SWAC – Terry Harris, Chair – No new information.
- LeMay/Waste Connections – Tom Rupert, District Manager
 - Starting the pre-application process to open a composting facility
 - 180,000 tons per year – similar to Silver Springs
 - Would like to break ground by end of Q1 2022 and be accepting materials by end of year
 - Will be located at the Transalta mine site
- Department of Ecology – Olivia Carros – No new information.
 - Plastic Bag Ban Presentation by Shannon Jones, Department of Ecology
 - Presentation emailed to SWAC members for future reference
- Code Enforcement – Bill Teitzel – No new information.
- Lewis County Solid Waste – Utility Staff – Rocky Lyon, SW Manager
 - Community Recycling Events – Lewis County Community Recycling Events for the Fall
 - Included in the meeting packets was a one page summary of the Fall Events to date.
 - Lewis County Community Recycling Events for 2022 planning underway – letters have been sent to the cities
 - Community Litter Report – In October, the Litter program coordinator cleaned up 12 illegal dumpsites, removing 4,520 pounds of garbage, 20 tires, 4 semi-truck tires and 1 freezer. In addition, 42 volunteers spent 504 hours picking up 48 bags of litter. Volunteer groups included the Centralia Clean Team, the Kim Ashmore Family, the Karen and Richard Noto Family, Centralia Public Works and Centralia Boy Scout Troop #300. Under the SB5040 grant to clean freeway onramps and highway intersections, members of the Packwood/Randle communities picked up 8 bags of litter, 3 bulky items and 1 semi-truck tire.
 - Tonnage Report as presented at SWDD - Total tonnage for October was 7,501, which was 4% lower than the previous year. Customer count for October was 11,739, which is 8% lower than the previous year.
 - Budget for 2022 approved by SWDD on 11/22/21
 - Bob Taylor, SWAC Co-Chair inquired about Transfer station staffing. Rocky responded by stating that, Solid Waste is fully staffed. The two newest operators are completing necessary training. Rocky completed 6 month probation on 12/1/21 and Teri will complete on 12/16/21. New accountant is starting on her 2nd month.
 - Tipping Floor Office – Done. Power to portable office disconnected by Facilities and Pacific Mobile contacted about removal.

8. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** None suggested
9. **NEXT MEETING:** January 12, 2022, from 1:00 – 3:00pm
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Lopez,
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