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**Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**DATE:** January 12, 2021

**PLACE:** Virtual meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Henson, Justin Kanoff, Dave Larmouth, Robert Poppe, Julian Macassey, John Longfellow, David Helmricks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Jayred

**STAFF PRESENT:** David McCall, SW Program Manager; Chris Laity, PW Director, Mary Faith Bell, County Commissioner

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tom Lang, Gordon McGraw

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chairperson Henson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm with a quorum present.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of November 10, 2020 were presented. With a motion made by Robert Poppe, and seconded by Ken Henson, it was agreed to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried (7/0).

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – YEAR IN REVIEW:**

Mr. McCall gave a presentation on the activities and achievements during 2020. Questions and answers were accompanied by discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – SATELLITE TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS DISCUSSION:**

Following a review of the financial results (budget vs actual) of operating the Manzanita and Pacific City Transfer Stations, discussion was held on the realistic ability to obtain a preferential bid to operate these two sites. The cost to the Solid Waste Budget is less than in the past. The importance of the satellite transfer stations was discussed, including an explanation of how franchised haulers are required to deliver their materials directly to TTS, resulting in the numbers therefore not being easily comparable. Given current operations and financials, as long as the County is willing to continue operating the satellite transfer stations, we table putting the operations out to bid, recommend to the BOCC that we put this off until a further date to look at again, with the anticipation that we staff appropriately at the transfer stations. There was consensus around this.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – TRANSFER STATION REPORTS:**

This was not addressed separately, but during the discussions in Items #3 and #4.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – FRANCHISED HAULER UPDATES:**

City Sanitary Service: Assumed operations of Oceanside Sanitary Service as of 1/1/21. Things going as expected. Have had lots of business, running routes similar to summer schedule, staying busy.

Recology Western Oregon: Not much to report. Not as much drop off in winter as expected. Recent positive COVID test in Warrenton operation led to some recent short-handed as staffing goes through contact tracing and quarantines.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – STAFF REPORT:**

The staff report was included in the packet. We had an incident where a person in close contact with our staff tested positive. The scenario was different than we had anticipated in our contingency plan. It was over the holidays, and thanks to Aaron Averill's help, we were able to operate both Manzanita and Pacific City sites with limited days and in a way that the majority of people probably did not notice a significant difference.

We received notice that we did not receive the DEQ grant.

We have used the mini-MRF, but need more time and experience before we can present a reliable formula for rates.

We had a record year for volumes coming through out transfer stations. The timing is good for the consultant who is working a design for changes at two transfer stations (first Tillamook). A preliminary concept drawing was included in the packet and discussion was held on it.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Larmouth gave an update on HB2065, as well as an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) concept bill on the Senate side and a couple other bills, such as Truth in Labeling.

Longfellow relayed concerns from the contracting community that in addition to the asbestos reporting requirements, it is very difficult to get adequate drop boxes for demolition activities, and this extends a single day job into a 5-6 day job. He asked whether in circumstances like this it would be possible to bring in other haulers to compliment available services. Larmouth will look into the situation.

Gordon McGraw relayed that he has been working hardest on getting the vaccination plan together for the County, in addition to weather events, so he has not made progress on the disaster debris plan. Request that Gordon, Chris & David meet before the March SWAC meeting to discuss this, and make real progress before the next fire season arrives.

Tom Lang stressed the importance of emergency planning, not just for fires, but for other disasters such as flooding as well. He appreciated the Year in Review, and the desire to free up Mr. McCall's time from operations, and to look at a strategy for the retention of employees as well.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 - ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Minutes submitted by David McCall