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Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 8, 2022

PLACE: Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB) Conference Room, 4000 Blimp Blvd., Tillamook *and*
Virtually: Phone # (971)254-3149 ID: 787 983 651#

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Henson, Tom Jayred, Justin Kanoff, Dave Larmouth, Robert Poppe, and David Helmricks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Hall, Julian Macassey, and John Longfellow

STAFF PRESENT: David McCall, SW Program Manager; and Rebekah Hopkins, recorder

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County Commissioner; Kelly Roy, Heart of CARTM board chair; Aaron Averill, TTS; and Gretchen Sandau, DEQ

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 8, 2022:

The minutes of February 8, 2022 were presented. Following a motion made by **Tom Jayred** and seconded by **David Helmricks**, the minutes of February 8, 2022 were approved as submitted. (6/0)

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Discussion of Tarping Fee Options/Recommendations

David McCall presented options for tarps and strapping organized by size, quality, and price, and reviewed the prior month's tarping discussion. After some discussion, Mr. McCall clarified that if a tarp fee is approved by the advisory committee it must also be approved by the county Commissioners and then there would be a public information campaign prior to implementation of the new policy.

Chair Henson asked how much over the cost of materials would be appropriate to charge.

David McCall suggested rounding up to \$20.00 or \$25.00, depending on the materials cost.

David Helmricks moved to recommend approval of a \$20.00 tarping fee to cover the purchase of a small tarp and four ratchet straps

After some discussion about fee flexibility, **David Helmricks** amended his motion to recommend approval of a \$20.00 tarping fee, an 8x10 foot tarp and four straps with the option to increase the fee to 15% over cost if prices increase. **Tom Jayred** seconded.

The motion passed (5/1), **Justin Kanoff** nay

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Disposal and Minimum Fees for FY 2022-2023

David McCall presented disposal fee revenue projections. He noted that the 3% tonnage increase estimate is based on the average of the prior two years. Based on these estimates he provided separate revenue projections based on no increase in fees, followed by projections if fees are increased by the cost of 1. the actual Averill contract increase of 6.2%, 2. The CPI increase of 7.7%, 3. The actual Averill increase since 2019 of 9.6%, and 4. the actual CPI increase since 2019 of 12%.

Concerns were expressed that increasing fees may result in higher incidental costs as people opt not to utilize collection services. **David McCall** suggested reviewing Agenda Item 5 before making a decision.

Following the 2023 Budget discussion, **Robert Poppe** made a motion to increase tonnage rate by 6.2%; to increase the Tillamook Transfer Station (TTS) minimum fee from \$20.50 to \$22.00 and the surcharge from \$1.50 to \$2.00; and to increase the Manzanita and Pacific City Transfer Station minimum fee from \$10.00 to \$11.00 and the surcharge from \$12.00 to \$13.00. **Justin Kanoff** seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. (6/0)

AGENDA ITEM 5 – FY 2022 - 2023 Budget

David McCall's 2022-2023 budget reflects an increase in service charge revenue with a corresponding increase in non-capital equipment due to stolen items, an increase in personnel expenses to budget for two additional full-time employees, and increases in costs for materials, fuel, and network fees. He indicated that Solid Waste is solvent due to the staffing issues which are lowering actual Personnel costs, but if planned improvement projects go forward, approximately \$500,000.00 would come out of the sinking fund versus \$100,000.00 going in. He suggested that if the committee decides to recommend a fee increase, the excess go to the sinking fund to replenish it.

Tom Jayred asked what the TTS new road project was, and **David McCall** explained that it would reorganize the TTS layout to increase efficiency.

Robert Poppe expressed concerns about inflation volatility, and **David McCall** agreed that his budget estimates a \$5.00 per ton fuel surcharge paid to Averill, which may not be high enough given fuel price inflation.

Justin Kanoff asked if the Solid Waste department can access the interest in the DEQ post-closure reserve fund. **David McCall** asked **Gretchen Sandau** to research the answer.

After passing a motion on Agenda item 4, there was discussion about sinking fund vs. contingency fund. **David Helmricks** made a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed 2022-2023 budget with the increased disposal and minimum fees as previously discussed and to increase the revenue to the sinking fund and the contingency fund by \$150,000.00 and \$50,000.00 respectively. **Tom Jayred** seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. (6/0)

AGENDA ITEM 6 – SB 582, Truth in Labelling, etc. updates

Gretchen Sandau provided an update on committees status, and **David Larmouth** clarified that the committees will make recommendations, but the legislature may make changes to those recommendations which could extend beyond recycling, such as composting

David McCall advised members that the EPR for Mattresses bill, allowing for compensation of collected mattresses, passed in short session and will go into effect January 1, 2023. The program will be administered by DEQ. He summarized the e-waste discussion from the last meeting, and advised the committee that due to action by the legislative rules committee, the PRO company MRM will continue to reimburse TTS for e-waste collection.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Transfer Station Reports

Aaron Averill reported for Tillamook Transfer Station that the grinder is broken and he can't get it repaired so they are becoming overwhelmed by brush.

David McCall reported that Manzanita and Pacific City transfer stations are operating smoothly but they need to backfill positions to ensure adequate staffing. There was some discussion regarding a code enforcement officer.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Franchised Hauler Updates

David Larmouth reported that they continue to experience staffing challenges, especially in hiring CDL drivers. He expects a busy spring, fueled by construction activity and events.

Robert Poppe expects a rate increase due to staffing and other expense increases. Dropbox use seems to be increasing.

Aaron Averill reported an increase in the volume of garbage they are collecting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Staff Report

David McCall noted that at the last Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event there was a comparable number of cars as previous events, but no long lines developed. Solid Waste will co-sponsor the Home & Garden show April 30 – May 1. Following the eviction of transients from county property on Sand Lake Road, an asbestos report indicated multiple structures on the property containing asbestos, which must be abated before cleanup can begin. The costs of abatement and cleanup will come out of the commissioners' budget.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Adjourn

Chair Henson adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rebekah Hopkins