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Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 10, 2022

PLACE: Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB) Conference Room, 4000 Blimp Blvd., Tillamook *and*
Virtually: Phone # (971)254-3149 ID: 728 566 401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Henson, Public at Large, Chair; Dave Larmouth, Solid Waste Franchisee, Vice Chair; Tim Hall, Incorporated Cities (joined meeting at 3:05); Julian Macassey, Recycling Industry; Justin Kanoff, Dairy/Farming industry (joined meeting at 3:15); Robert Poppe, Solid Waste Franchisee; and David Helmricks, Forestry Industry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Jayred, Public at Large; and John Longfellow, Construction Industry

STAFF PRESENT: David McCall, SW Program Manager; Shawn Blanchard, County Treasurer (joined meeting at 3:15); and Rebekah Hopkins, Accounting Technician

GUESTS PRESENT: Jessi Just, Executive Director Heart of CARTM; and Kelly Roy, Heart of CARTM board chair

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

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

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

The minutes of March 8, 2022 were presented. Following a motion made by **Robert Poppe** and seconded by **David Larmouth**, the minutes of March 8, 2022 were approved as submitted. (5/0)

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Rate Review Requests

David McCall explained that there are four franchised haulers, as City Sanitary Service is also servicing Oceanside. Each franchised hauler is required annually to submit to the Committee its financial and operational summaries and projections for review. The attached rate increase requests would be in effect from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and apply only to customers located outside incorporated city limits. Franchised haulers should aim for a return on revenues rate of eight to twelve percent, and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's recommendation is due to the Commissioners by the end of May.

- a) **City Sanitary Service: David Larmouth** moved to recommend allowing the rate increase requested, and **David Helmricks** seconded. The motion passed, 6/0 (**Robert Poppe** abstained).
- b) **Oceanside Sanitary Service: Robert Poppe** stated that there was an error on page 10 of the packet, "Oceanside Franchise Hauler Rate Review Report" under Expenses: Operational Expenses: Disposal Expense (Franchised):
 The "9899 tons up 73" was not updated to read "10,615 tons up 716"
 Mr. Poppe stated that the financial information was correct as presented, it was only the weights in the left column which had not been updated.
 He also noted that since City Sanitary had recently taken on the Oceanside franchise and only have customer counts for July and January, the customer counts of 343 and 341 respectively probably reflect an overall growth in customers due to the disparity between summer and winter residencies.
Chair Henson asked about medical waste collection in Oceanside. **Robert Poppe** replied that they don't collect medical waste, they subcontract to Waste Management for that and he's not sure whether they go to Oceanside. He stated that City Sanitary Service accepts drop-offs at their office.
David Larmouth moved to recommend approval of the rate increase as proposed, **Julian Macassey** seconded. The motion passed, 6/0 (**Robert Poppe** abstained)
- c) **Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service (NVSS)** did not request a rate increase this year. The city portion of their report is omitted because they don't service any incorporated cities. **David Larmouth** asked how the 5% increase in City Sanitary's cardboard contract with NVSS would affect NVSS customers' billings. **Robert Poppe** was unsure whether it would be a pass-through billing or whether billing would remain the same. He noted that NVSS has had a large increase in its customer base which is probably why they didn't request a rate increase.
- d) **R. Sanitary Service** did not request a rate increase this year and did not submit a financial summary. **David Larmouth** expressed concern that the required forms were not submitted to allow the committee to evaluate their financial viability.
- e) **Recology Western Oregon** submitted more information than required and staff recommended approval of their rate increase request.
David Larmouth presented the rationale for the rate increase, and informed the committee of staff changes:
 Chris Carey is the new Regional Manager
 Scott Miethe was promoted to Coast Operations Manager
 Katie Hardesty is the new Collections Operations Supervisor for Warrenton and Nehalem
 He also noted continued problems with their phone system; the best way to reach Recology is to email rwoinfo@recology.com.
Robert Poppe moved to recommend approval of the rate increase as proposed, **Tim Hall** seconded. The motion passed, 6/0 (**David Larmouth** abstained)

Justin Kanoff moved to recommend to the County that they formally request R. Sanitary to disclose its financial records. **David Larmouth** seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7/0).

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Election of Vice Chair effective 7/1/22

David McCall read an excerpt from Ordinance 4, section 2.02, subsection C, which states that every other year the Vice Chair becomes Chair and the committee elects a new Vice Chair.

David Larmouth asked if **Chair Henson** was willing to continue serving as Chair.

Chair Henson asked if anyone was interested in moving into the Vice Chair position

Tim Hall moved to re-elect **Ken Henson** as Chair and **David Larmouth** as Vice Chair. **David Helmricks** seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7/0)

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Report on Result of Budget Meeting

David McCall reported that the budget meeting went well, and noted that there were three non-commissioner positions (with three-year terms) on the Budget Committee: currently Kevin Stoecker, Julian Macassey, and a vacant position. **Julian Macassey** noted that he is unlikely to be able to serve on the Committee next year. **Tim Hall** said that he can serve on the Budget Committee and was encouraged to apply.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Franchised Hauler Updates

Robert Poppe reported that business is growing; most of his updates were included in the City Sanitary/Oceanside rate increase letters.

David Larmouth reported that they are busy, and that his update is included in his rate review report. Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service and R. Sanitary had nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Transfer Station Reports

David McCall reported that all three transfer stations have experienced slow business, perhaps due to poor weather. Following a wind storm on 5/6/22 which blew a transformer, Manzanita Transfer Station's baler has been inoperable as they work to identify the problem. A new employee was hired at Manzanita.

David Larmouth reminded the committee that it is "first-time driver season" and warned everyone to remain alert to prevent injuries

Robert Poppe noted that a ruptured nickel cadmium battery thrown in the trash started a fire in a route truck and wasn't able to be extinguished until they dumped the load at the transfer station.

David McCall reported that in Manzanita plans are in place to build a West "Z" wall, followed by repairs to a collapsing timber East "Z" wall. The call for bids for both projects open on May 11, 2022; construction on the West wall should begin in September and construction on the East wall should begin in April of next year. He's preparing a contract with an engineering company to design and locate funding for repairs to the Pacific City transfer station.

Robert Poppe asked if the commingled recycling sorter and yard debris will remain in their current locations at the Tillamook Transfer Station. **David McCall** replied that weather has prevented moving the equipment, and that a backlog of wood debris up on the hill makes the relocation of yard debris near the hauler building unclear. Discussion about traffic flow followed.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – SB582, Truth in Labeling, etc. updates

David Larmouth reported that six meetings have been held and there are two more to go; a report is due to the legislature by June 1, 2022. The recommendations aim toward getting an Oregon-specific label adopted, identifying items which are only recyclable at specific locations or are not recyclable.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Staff Report

David McCall referenced the staff report in the Agenda packet. He expressed appreciation to Sue for her past work on Solid Waste's space at the Home and Garden show. Surveys conducted in conjunction with DEQ to clarify recycling attitudes and behaviors are being prepared.

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 14, 2022, which is during Waste and Recycling Workers Appreciation Week.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Public Comment

Jessi Just thanked Solid Waste for supporting CARTM as a sponsor of Trash Bash, and thanked Recology for providing compost bins for their opening event. Jessi invited everyone to CARTM's "Trashion show" on May 14, 2022 at 4:00 pm (reception) and 5:30 pm (show). The Trash Art Gallery will be on display all weekend at the Hoffman Center in Manzanita from 1 pm to 5 pm, with an opening artist reception May 12, 2022 at 4 pm. Tickets can be purchased online or in person on May 11, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm at Wild [Grocery & Café] in Manzanita.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Adjourn

Chair Henson adjourned the meeting at 4:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rebekah Hopkins