



Minutes from **Thursday May 9, 2024, Solid Waste Advisory Committee hybrid meeting
1:30 p.m. Microsoft teams and in person**

SWAC Committee

- In attendance
 - Brandon Lesowske - At Large Member
 - Kim Holmes – At Large Member
 - Josh Brown – Industrial Representative – Waste Connections
 - Kanale Tumlinson –Industrial Representative Alternate – Waste Connections
 - Joe Wonderlick – Waste Connections
 - Nick Ries – Industrial Representative – Waste Management
 - Mike Jeffries – Waste Management
 - Jacob Anderson – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Coordinator
 - Mike Russell – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Administrator

Meeting was officially brought to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approve Feb Minutes – minutes were approved as written

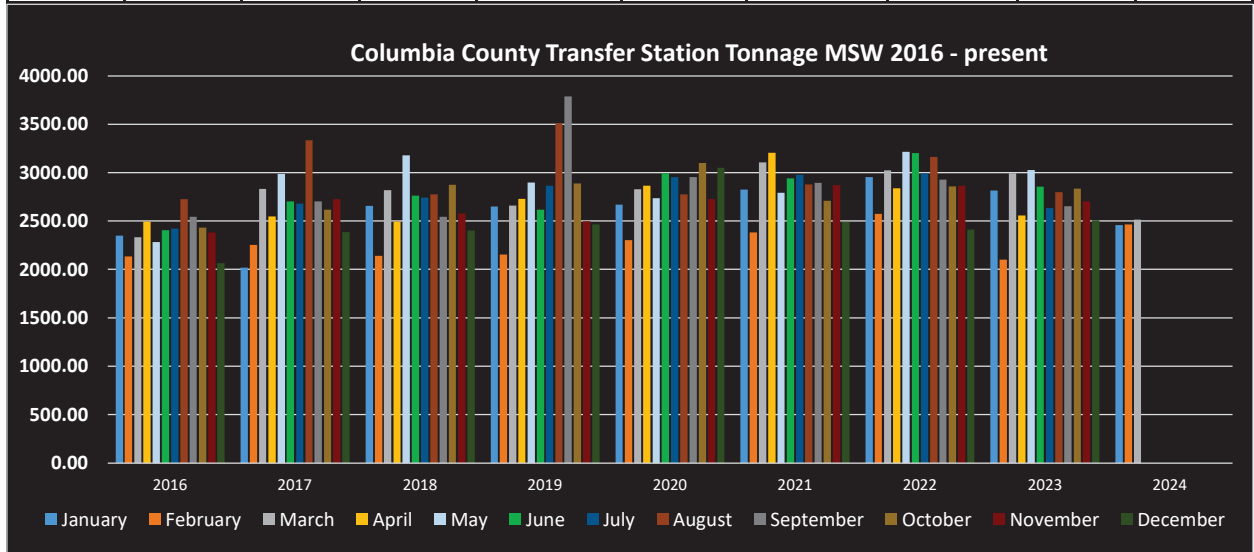
Update on Solid Waste Department

- 1. Board Members**
 - a. One position open for At-Large member.**
 - b. Updated Volunteer Documents for Solid Waste Advisory at-large members**
- 2. Sharps container exchange program started Oct 2016**
 - a. Registrant Data – Total Registrants: 1,066 as of April 18**
 - b. Sharps Purchased**
 - c. Advertising sharps program**
- 3. Dumpstoppers – in 2024, we have had 22 Dumpstopper cases.**
- 4. Private Property Cleanups**
 - a. 26623 Cannon Road**
- 5. Transfer Station**
 - a. Transfer station repairs and upgrades**
 - b. Upcoming repairs and maintenance**
 - c. Updates on ORPET**
 - “Right of first refusal”, even though we don’t want to refuse the material
 - Next fuels – processing animal fat; similarities to ORPET situation
- 6. Columbia County’s Pilot ReUse Program**
 - a. Shipping containers and New Employee**

- b. Internal list of items for Hudson staff to look for
- c. Hudson ReUse Program Employee responsibilities
- d. Program Hours and Policies

7. Columbia County Transfer Station tonnage since 2016 – present

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	23-24
2348.39	2018.90	2658.29	2651.66	2669.56	2827.41	2953.16	2817.92	2457.38	360.54
2133.60	2255.16	2140.92	2155.75	2304.09	2382.69	2576.62	2101.35	2464.69	363.34
2332.98	2831.18	2820.62	2661.04	2828.53	3106.97	3024.50	2992.40	2514.20	478.20
2494.25	2547.84	2492.49	2730.12	2863.70	3204.03	2838.21	2559.39		
2284.20	2989.84	3181.69	2897.90	2737.62	2791.22	3216.15	3026.66		
2404.95	2702.31	2763.50	2617.67	2993.38	2942.23	3202.01	2856.00		
2420.83	2678.77	2744.86	2866.64	2954.15	2980.47	2990.86	2635.43		
2727.45	3337.25	2777.54	3509.94	2775.05	2878.46	3164.20	2797.91		
2546.11	2705.84	2544.25	3789.48	2954.12	2894.20	2927.10	2655.24		
2432.75	2618.80	2876.02	2890.60	3100.79	2710.52	2858.07	2836.98		
2382.12	2726.40	2579.06	2497.20	2724.84	2874.58	2866.88	2705.31		
2065.83	2385.33	2402.17	2465.32	3050.18	2492.15	2413.79	2508.14		
28573.46	31797.62	31981.41	33733.32	33956.01	34084.93	35031.55	32492.73		
9.30%	10.14%	1%	5%	0.60%	0.37%	2.70%	-7.24%		



8. Update on HHW collection program

- a. 2024 HHW Schedule:
- b. HHW Changes and Updates
- c. Modifying survey/data processes for next year
- d. 2024 HHW Costs & Participation

Columbia County HHW 2024	Vehicles	Costs
March St Helens	203	15,770.26
April Vernonia	58	

May Rainier		
June St Helens		
August St Helens		
October Clatskanie		
November St Helens		
Total	0	15,770.26

9. Recycling/Waste Reduction Education & OTR Reports

a. OTR Reports

- DEQ multifamily study - contamination reduction funding could fund staff for multi-family education
- Code w/county to require mandatory separate recycling enclosures

10. RMA and State EPR Program

a. Densifier for Styrofoam

- Size of healy hall table
- Producer Responsibility Organization PRO would cover cost

Closed Session 2:07pm – 3:22pm

Next SWAC meeting is on Thursday August 1, 2024, from 10:00am – 11:30pm virtual or at Healy Hall, Public Works Department 1054 Oregon St, St Helens, OR. Regular meeting is from 10:00am – 10:30am.