



Minutes from **Thursday, November 14, 2024, Solid Waste Advisory Committee hybrid meeting 10 a.m. on Microsoft Teams and in person**

SWAC Committee

- In attendance
 - Austin Carter-Nadeau – Public Member
 - Josh Brown (virtual) – Industrial Representative – Waste Connections
 - Kanale Tumlinson – Industrial Representative Alternate – Waste Connections
 - Nick Ries – Industrial Representative – WM
 - Jacob Anderson – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Coordinator
 - Mike Russell – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Administrator
- Absent
 - Joshua Peters – Industrial Representative Alternate – WM

Meeting was officially brought to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approve August Minutes – minutes were approved as written at 10:04 AM

Two Board positions open for At-Large members

Discussion on Solid Waste Division Updates

- **Austin welcomed to the committee**
 - Austin introduced himself and spoke about what he does for CARE Oregon, Columbia Pacific, and his interests.
- **Sharps Container Exchange Program**
 - Issues with RFPD sharps – Rainier, Mist-Birkenfeld
 - Hudson handling of sharps with new hauling contractor
 - Contractor building new facility in Clackamas – Autoclave system/facility
- **Dump Stoppers Program**
 - Reasons for less cases and vehicles this year compared to previous years; Smith Rd cases have gone down
 - Discussion on Jan from Vernonia and her concerns with Chapman Rd. and other roads off SVH.
 - Determined that an Adopt-a-road program is not feasible at this time, and that the dumpstoppers program has always been a “dump site” program and not “litter patrol.”
- **Nuisance Abatement progress**

- Total cost summary
- **Transfer Station**
 - TS repairs:
 - Pumps are working
 - Fence repair completed
 - Gutter repair completed
 - Tree trimming and removal completed
 - TS improvements: upgraded roof along main building - contractor quotes need engineered drawings included
 - Asbestos Dropbox: everyone is generally impressed with convenience and cost of sample testing
 - ORPET material: ORPET is now hauling the waste themselves to WASCO and only general garbage hauled by WM is coming to the TS.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**
 - August event was very crowded, almost as much as June with just over 240 vehicles
 - October and November events had around normal numbers
 - Updates to surveys, digital data tracking and where to show QR code at TS events
 - Discussion about anonymous survey to Hudson employees and ACT on what can be improved regarding the HHW events.
- **DEQ's Opportunity to Recycle Reports**
 - Kan and Josh discussed postcard/mailer and social media posts for the rest of the year.
 - Still waiting on DEQ's OTR template
 - Question on city vs. county (UGB) reports
- **RMA – EPR Legislation Updates**
 - Still deciding funding avenues for RMA implementation
- **Pilot ReUse Program Updates**
 - Working on gathering estimates for gravel pad construction before applying for building permit with city of St Helens.

Meeting was officially adjourned at 11:24pm.

Next SWAC meeting will be Thursday February 6 at 10 am virtually and at Healy Hall, Public Works Department 1054 Oregon St, St Helens, OR.