

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting

June 9, 2015

MEMBERS:

Devon Felsted, Chair

Dot Sharp, Vice Chair

Matthew Pederson

Chris Skidmore

Bob Hooper, (Excused)

Rick Finch, Excused)

Eileen Macoll, (Excused)

Staff: Mark Storey, Whitman County Public Works Director/Engineer; David Nails, Whitman County Transfer Station; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

3:07 p.m. - Devon called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Dot Sharp and seconded by Matthew Pederson to approve the minutes from March 10, 2015. Motion passed.

David Nails showed pictures of the opening day at the new transfer building. They still are weighing the roll off trucks on the residential scale. The old one is working fine and all the commercial trucks are being weighed on the commercial scale. That has freed up the old scale quite a bit and made it nice for the commercial drivers.

David will be visiting the council meetings in each of the small towns to educate them about the transfer station and the new recycling containers. We have six new containers and our new truck should be here by June 15th. He is scheduled to attend the Garfield's council meeting tomorrow night. He will also be recruiting for more members for the SWAC.

David also talked about the flow control ordinance in the County Code. He wants to inform the building department in each of the small towns about the demolition ordinance for all municipal waste and inert waste in the County.

Mark Storey reported on the effluent pond or contact water pond. An effluent pond is any water that may have had contact with waste or hazardous material. A stormwater pond is any water that has not had contact with any waste or regulated material. We are looking at the concept of building a separate pond that would be used primarily in summer for evaporation. We have verbally approved the services by the consultants and they are developing a price for

that. We are hoping to have that figured out in the next two weeks. It would be an upgrade to our contact water system sometime in 2016.

Mark Storey stated the legislature is having discussions about budgets. The Senate and the House has a version of the upcoming biennial budget. In both budgets the CPG grant is cut about in half so we are looking at the grant cut from about \$300,000 down to \$150,000.00. CPG pays for a lot of our free wood drop off, HHW maintenance management and transportation, recycling programs and a lot of things. We are anticipating less money to pay for these programs so we are looking into the future. We can't do anything until they tell us what our budget is for those grants but with both budgets cut in half we are pretty sure we are going to get a cut to our CPG fund.

Since CPG pays for all of our wood waste grinding and hauling we may be forced to start looking for other funding for these items. We really like the idea of it being a free service to residents but it is also free to commercial tree trimming and landscaping services. We would like some input from the SWAC on how to change our fee schedule to pay for some of this. We could absorb some of it but at some point we have other issues to deal with as well. We don't charge for HHW and appliances and I want to keep it that way; we don't want that stuff ending up in our ditches. We might want to look at some other issues on the fee schedule.

I think the MSW is taken care of; we are doing fine on that. The new facility will help out and the efficiencies we will gain there. We will be looking at single stream issues as we go on but that is always going to be something to deal with. We could re-visit the issue of glass because it tears up the baling equipment and we are replacing parts all the time.

Dot Sharp stated that Colton works with Lewis and Clark recycling and they have containers for cardboard, newsprint, cans and plastic. They don't take glass.

David Nails reported the recycling containers are being checked out to the various events during the summer. Everything goes in the containers and we just dump it out and reuse the bag if it is somewhat clean.

Next meeting - September 8, 2015.

Adjourned - 4:14 p.m.