

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting**  
**December 8, 2015**

**MEMBERS:**

Devon Felsted, Chair  
Matthew Pederson  
Bob Hooper, Excused  
Chris Skidmore, Excused

Eileen Macoll  
Dot Sharp  
Rick Finch, Excused

**Staff:** David Nails, Whitman County Transfer Station; Elinor Huber, Board clerk.

**Audience:** Laurie Dahmen, Department of Ecology

**3:03 p.m.** – Devon Felsted opened the meeting.

**MOTION** by Dot Sharp and seconded by Matthew Pederson to approve the minutes from September 8, 2015. Motion passed.

David Nails introduced Laurie Dahmen from the Department of Ecology. She is the coordinator for our CPG grant.

We finally have the signatures and we are ready for submittals on our first quarter. The amount we received for the litter was about \$70,500. We contract with Spokane Corrections for litter pick up and they came down about six times last year.

We are back in our new building as of November and are receiving garbage in the new transfer station. We are currently grinding wood waste out at the site. We have a pretty good size pile and it will take about a week. We grind about four times a year.

David Nails reported he is scheduled to visit the LaCrosse and St. John council meetings this month. He will try and recruit for more SWAC members and also give them a container for recycling. Both of the schools are into recycling so I am trying to get the towns on board to have that shared responsibility with the schools.

We aren't selling any recyclables other than cardboard right now. Cardboard is around \$80 a ton.

David Nails stated they are working on updating the website under Solid Waste. There is a lot of information that is out of date and hopefully, there will be a page just for Solid Waste and Recycling.

He has been working with CH2Mhill with the evaporation pond and they have come up with a conceptual design for a new pond. He handed out copies of the design to the members. However, it is a lot bigger than what he expected to see. David suggested to Mark Storey that

we could install a tank instead of a pond so we are in discussion about that. The tank would be about a third of the cost of a pond. We would have to come up with a plan and it would have to go through Ecology and the Department of Health and get their thoughts and ideas and then come back to the SWAC committee.

David Nails stated that Heather Houston from Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute gave us a proposal for school education and it is a little more than what he was planning on so he will meet with her again and discuss the proposal. It included six of the rural schools and also eight classes in Pullman and then field trips for all of those at some time during the year. One of the field trips would be to come to the landfill facility and also Klemgard Park and have interactive lessons with the kids.

Laurie Dahmen, from Ecology, stated the CPG grant is signed and ready to go. It was an interesting grant cycle as the legislature did not approve the Governor's budget and she couldn't even start the grant agreements until July 10<sup>th</sup>. The grant was 20.9 million and we received 15 million. It might not be looking good for the next binnerium if the oil prices continue to be at the rate they are funding. Funding is based off of what projected oil prices will be and the model apparently projected higher than what we had.

Laurie Dahmen suggested contacting the WSU Sororities and Fraternities since the garbage and recycling problem areas are on the WSU campus. Maybe there could be some engagement that could happen between them as stewards of their campus. This would all be voluntary because the Coordination Prevention Grant is limited in funding.

Dot Sharp reported that the Colton school is almost finished with remodeling. They extended the gym eight feet to the north and changed the entrance so that they can see who is going in and out of the building.

Devon Felsted reported that Pullman Disposal has a new website up and running.

David Nails reported the tipping fee is \$102 a ton and there will not be an increase for 2016.

The next meeting will be **March 8, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.**

**4:14 p.m. - Adjourned**

