

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

December 13, 2016

MEMBERS:

Devon Felsted, Chair
Eileen Macoll
Matthew Pederson, (Excused)

Dot Sharp, Vice- Chair
Rick Finch
Chris Skidmore

Staff: David Nails, Whitman County Transfer Station; Craig Sines, Whitman County Transfer Station Foreman; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

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

MOTION by Dot Sharp and seconded by Eileen Macoll to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2016 minutes. Motion passed.

David Nails introduced Craig Sines, the foreman for the Transfer Station. He passed out the disc of the Solid Waste Management Plan to each member for them to look over before the next meeting in March and make any changes. We are in a review period and we will start changing the data. We will probably just do some amendments and mention the Cell #4 fill plan and enclosure plans, MRF Feasibility Study and MRW Facility.

We also have to have an Interlocal agreement with all the cities and towns that want to be included. The RCW states that each entity has to have a Solid Waste Management Plan.

We have already started the study with Great West Engineering for the contact water project that includes two 10,000 gallon underground tanks that are double walled for leaks. Also, a fill station for a water truck to haul water to the City of Colfax, and a small basin concrete basin lined with HDPE that we will be able to evaporate on site. The plan is to be able to evaporate it. If it gets to a point where we can't do that then we haul it to the city.

We don't know how much life is remaining on Cell #4. It depends on how much we take in. Some years it is 180 tons and some years it is only 40 tons. We have a lot of questions for the consultants to answer. There has been some settling over time but we don't know how much.

Cells #1, 2, and 3 have been closed since 1993 and we need to have some new gas piping. According to Tim Davis and John Skyles they said that DOE didn't require any gas monitoring, but I can't find any records from DOE stating that. These cells should be stable in 20 years but without gas monitoring DOE is not satisfied that we can show stability.

By law, we have to have money set aside to take care of those cells. We collect \$2.50 from everyone and that goes to the closure plan. The closure balance is about 1.7 million right now to take care of Cells #1, 2, 3 and 4. We go out quarterly to check the ground water and we use that closure fund to pay for that.

It costs \$3,000 every quarter for Anatek Labs to test that water. We spray it to keep the weeds down, so other than that there isn't a lot of cost.

The Sheriff's shooting range is Cell #5. We were headed towards Cell #5 and then in 2011 we worked on a feasibility study and new landfill sites and it showed it was the cheapest method; we never got to the permitting stage. We have a ten-year contract with Republic at a very good price with a five-year option. We have five more years and if we don't get a good price, do we open up a landfill, do we have one permitted and ready to go?

David Nails reported that PCEI did a fabulous job in educating our elementary students about recycling. He received a packet of thank you letters from the kids telling how much they appreciated the field trip. Their PCEI contract also includes Spring of 2017.

David talked to Shelly Quinton about coming back on the SWAC committee and he also contacted Aaron Lawhead. David suggested that maybe someone else should contact him. It would be nice to have Empire Disposal represented on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

David, Devon and Mark met with the Pullman mayor and city administrator to discuss separating glass out of single stream. We definitely need to have a plan in place for the future. One of the biggest issues with glass is it contaminates the good recyclables and wrecks the machinery. He stated that when they do the feasibility study for the MRF it will include a place for glass recycling. He wants to meet with WSU and Latah County to have them included in the conversations about glass.

Dot Sharp said they are in their third year of recycling and she has had very few comments about not taking glass. It works out very well for them.

The Department of Ecology is rewriting the 350 rule regarding the MRF because they are getting more than the 5% residue or garbage in their single stream. Under the new rule they will have to be permitted as a solid waste facility. All 39 counties agreed to join the Washington State Association of Counties so they could have a voice in the Legislature regarding solid waste. The rule has not been passed but they are getting a lot of calls regarding this.

Chris Skidmore stated that Environmental Health was able to de-obligate about \$45,000 of their CPG grant and give it to Solid Waste in order to keep the grant money here on the East side of the State.

The next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017. Be sure and bring your comments for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Adjourned - 4:05 p.m.