

**WHITMAN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MEETING
March 13, 2017**

MEMBERS:

Devon Felsted, Pullman Disposal, Chair
Dot Sharp, Colton, Vice-Chair
Matthew Pederson, Republic Services, (Excused)
Eileen Macoll, Pullman
Rick Finch, WSU Waste Management, (Excused)
Robert Curry, Endicott
David Hansel, Albion
Chris Skidmore, WC Environmental Health

Staff: Mark Storey, WC Director/Engineer; David Nails, WC Transfer Station; Craig Sines, WC Transfer Station Foreman; Deb Olsen, League of Women Voters; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

3:02 p.m. – Devon Felsted called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Eileen Macoll and seconded by Dot Sharp to approve the minutes from December 13, 2017. Motion approved.

The new SWAC members were introduced. Bob Curry retired from WSU ten years ago and lives in Endicott. David Hansel taught at Pullman High School and lives in Albion.

The Spring Clean-Up will be April 14-22, 2017. The reduced rate will be from \$106 a ton to \$35 a ton with a \$15.00 minimum. We always offer free services at the landfill such as yard waste, recyclables, old appliances, and paint. We intend to keep doing the spring clean-up as long as we can afford it. It keeps the trash out of the ditches and keeps the towns clean and is a worthwhile project.

We also have a community litter cleanup program where we contract with the Department of Corrections in Spokane to pick up litter along the roads. David Nails just finished applying for the litter grant for the next biennium of 2017-2019. That grant also pays for illegal dump sites along the roads.

We will be going out for bid to repair the fascia on our old transfer station in the next couple of weeks. The work will be done in the spring or summer of this year.

The Solid Waste Management Plan needs to be updated and David Nails handed out copies to the members to take home and make changes in the plan. He has already made revisions in the data of certain commodities. The biggest update is to change our operations plan to include the

new project. He asked the members to give him some input on the goals and any other suggestions they might have.

MOTION by Eileen Macoll and seconded by Dot Sharp to set aside thirty minutes at the June 13th meeting to discuss the goals in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion passed.

The Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG), funds our educational program with the schools. We are contracted with the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, (PCEI). They have contacts with six schools and it meets the school standards for curriculum.

We are going to bid next week for the contact water at the facility. When we built the new transfer building we set aside some of the regulatory issues because it was too much to handle. Any water that comes in contact with waste is now a regulatory issue. So we collect all the water and the new facility has a collection area with sump pumps and the water goes into the pond next to the scale shack.

We are also going to build a small evaporation basin about 12 X 40 feet, next to the tanks underground. This will be covered in the winter and in the summer we will uncover it and evaporate the water.

We will be working on Request for Qualifications for consultants for listed projects in the future. We want to start working on the closure of Cell 4 that includes a filling plan to get the full capacity out of that cell. In order to have a filling plan you have to have a final design ready.

We have about 1.7 million dollars in our closure bank account. We have estimated this project at about \$800,000 in this last revision of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

We are also looking at a feasibility study for converting the existing old transfer building into some kind of a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), where we take the single stream recycling and break it back down into its component pieces and add value to it again. That is one concept we are considering.

We are looking at constructing a new Moderate Risk Waste (MRW), facility. The one we have is not adequate. We might start looking at a concept for a better place for paints, oils, etc., and maybe for a grant opportunity. We just have a lot of projects to consider.

If anyone has any ideas for recruiting more SWAC members, please let us know.

The next meeting will be **June 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

Adjourned - 4:24 p.m.