

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

MEMBERS:

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

Staff: David Nails, WC Transfer Station; Craig Sines, WC Transfer Station Forman, Layne Merritt J-U-B Engineers; Meagan Gilmore, DOE; Deb Olson, League of Women Voters; Travis Pyle, Great West Engineering; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

3:00 p.m. – Eileen Macoll called the meeting to order in the absence of Devon Felsted. Introductions were held and visitors were introduced.

3:02 p.m. – Devon Felsted arrived and the meeting resumed with Devon as Chair.

MOTION by Eileen Macoll and seconded by Bob Curry to approve the minutes from March 14, 2017. Motion approved.

David Nails reported the final numbers from 2016. The total of Municipal Solid Waste, (MSW), was 27,902.69 tons. The total for demolition was 507.39 tons and a total of 257.94 tons of asbestos.

The total for the asbestos, tires and demo is 8070.28 tons for a grand total of 28,772.97 tons for the year. That is the highest total in ten years.

The yard and wood waste totaled 4,003 tons, which was ground up and used for hog fuel. The total recycling was 6,428.09 tons for 2016. This was about 1,000 tons over last year. So that was about 800 tons going into Cell 4. That is an average of 1,000 tons a year and It appears we have quite a bit of air space back there depending on what the final design looks like.

Layne Merritt from J-U-B Engineering who helped update the Solid Waste Management Plan a few years ago, is back to help us update it again. Layne stated that he is glad to give feedback

and answer questions from the SWAC members regarding updating the plan. The plan needs to be completed by the end of this year.

Layne Merritt read the *Solid Waste Management Plan Planning Goals*.

1. *Elimination of waste through cost effective reduction practices wherever possible*
2. *Movement of responsibility for the waste stream toward the producer*
3. *Inclusion of the citizens of the county through outreach, education and feedback channels as part of any plan*
4. *Maximization of the role of local private industry, keeping jobs, profits and economic activity within the County.*
5. *Reliance on technology to advance solid waste handling efficiencies.*

The members discussed adding education and outreach, logistics of where to take different items, and the cost of disposal. There was also discussion regarding a Material Recovery Facility, (MRF) where we would sort out the recycling and break it down into its component pieces, instead of shipping it to Seattle.

Travis Pyle from Great West Engineering met with David Nails and the BOCC in a workshop. They discussed doing a feasibility study and trying to keep the costs down by landfilling, which would be the cheapest method of disposal of Municipal Solid Waste. There are a couple of different tasks that need to be done.

The first task was to look at the post closure care assessment of the old cells, 1-3. Cell 1 was closed in the late 1970-80's and the other two cells were closed around 1993-94. That was when Cell 5 was dug and then the County decided it was too expensive to landfill because of the capital costs they would need to continue so we chose to transfer the waste.

The second task is the limited purpose landfill and coming up with a more detailed fill plan and closure plan. We will be looking at it in a couple of ways, one of which will be to try and maximize every amount of air space we can use.

Meagan Gilmore from the DOE stated we are again expecting a reduced budget from last year with the CPG funding. As you are reviewing your plans and operation costs, keep that in mind and prioritize what operations you need for the short term and long term. We are waiting for approval and when we know anything we will pass it on to you.

MOTION by Eileen Macoll and sec by Bob Curry to meet on August 8, at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Next meeting August 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourned – 4:14 p.m.

