

**WHITMAN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMITEE
MEETING
September 12, 2017**

MEMBERS:

Devon Felsted, Pullman Disposal, Chair
Dot Sharp, Colton, Vice-Chair
Matthew Pederson, Republic Services
Eileen Macoll, Pullman, (Excused)
Rick Finch, WSU Waste Management
Bob 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; Layne Merritt, J-U-B Engineers, Inc.; Deborah Olson, League of Women Voters; Meagan Gilmore, DOE; Trevor Alkire, ASWSU ESA Chairman; Jason Sampson, WSU; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

3:00 pm. – Devon Felsted opened the meeting. Introductions were held around the room.

MOTION by David Hansel and seconded by Dot Sharp, to approve the minutes from August 8, 2017. Motion passed.

Rick Finch reported that the Greek Houses at WSU would like to start composting their food waste. Rich stated that WSU has been composting since 1994 and the majority of the material is animal waste and bedding and they have a very active system. He introduced Trevor Alkire who is the chairman of the ASWSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance.

Trevor Alkire agreed that composting food waste would be a great opportunity for the ESA to step in and provide educational materials with seminars and open forums about the importance of reclaiming the food and trying to get those nutrients back in a sustainable way and enforce sustainability practices into the curriculum.

Devon Felsted was very supportive of this proposal. Pullman Disposal would want to do the haul from the site.

Mark Storey stated it is the BOCC who would make the ultimate decision but we are all about reducing what is going to the Landfill.

Discussion was held regarding removing glass out of the waste stream because it devalues all the recycling materials and makes it harder for recycling.

David Nails pointed out that there is a place on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a WSU student to serve up to a year. Trevor said he would take the information and check into finding someone to be on the committee.

David Nails thanked Matthew Pederson for his help at the Recycling Booth at the Fair last week. He said that most of the remarks from citizens at the Fair were regarding the need for recycling bins in the small towns. He stated that the bins are \$7,000 each and without the grant money, we are operating the programs with local money. Discussion was held regarding purchasing more of the recycling bins for the smaller towns.

Layne Merritt read the list of suggestions from the members regarding the goals for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Matthew Pederson suggested updating information as well as potential outlooks for the next 5-10 years, both in the goals and the body itself.

Rick Finch suggested that as part of our overall goals could be to look at opportunities to minimize waste. He supports the idea of a MRF at the landfill.

Devon Felsted suggested that safety at the landfill was a main focus to the goals.

Megan Gilmore stated she was here to help with the technical assistance to update the Plan. When it is submitted to Ecology she is the one who takes that first look at it and works with Layne and David. It is important to have some measurable goals that we talked about before in terms of the Beyond Waste Goals. The Beyond Waste Plan is Washington State's Plan and each county tries to support the State plan. She said that the WSU food waste is a good example of how that supports the State plan. You are already running these programs so you are just stating in the plan how this supports the Beyond Waste. The short term goals and long term goals is an easier way to make vision and plan.

Layne Merritt stated that we can make changes up until the time we finalize the document so this is not the last time to give comments. He will take what he has now and formulate it into a set of goals and then we can look at the draft in November and tweak and adjust those suggestions. He encouraged the members to keep in contact with him with any thoughts or suggestions for the plan.

David stated they have started the process of replacing the evaporation pond with the two tanks and then a smaller evaporation basin. We will soon start the fascia on the building and we have Cells 1, 2, and 3 evaluation that we are in the middle of and then a fill plan and updated closure plan on Cell 4. Those are all on-going projects. The garbage flow has not slowed down much.

The next meeting will be November 14, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

4:08 p.m. - Adjourned.