

**WHITMAN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MEETING
November 14, 2017**

MEMBERS:

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

Staff: David Nails, WC Transfer Station; Chelsea Cunnard, WC Environmental Health; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

Audience: Layne Merritt, J-U-B Engineers; Deb Olson, League of Women Voters.

3:04 p.m. – Devon Felsted opened the meeting. Introductions were held around the room.

MOTION by Eileen Macoll and seconded by Dot Sharp to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017. Motion passed.

Rick Finch reported on the Greek Houses composting their own food waste. Pullman Disposal would do the hauling and it would come to the WSU facility. The student group would provide education and some oversight. There are a number of things that are held up at the state level and regulations on the review process. They are hoping to start in spring semester if they can get the approvals in place. The education can start right away in January or February.

There was discussion about source separating and collecting glass to keep it out of the waste stream.

David Nails attended a meeting in Pullman and they were asking for a drop off on campus. David stated the glass bin is still there at the Landfill and he could reenact that. We would continue to accept glass in single stream until it is completely phased out. We would like to start phasing glass out of single stream by giving them a voluntary option instead of a ban at this time.

Rick Finch stated that he could set up a drop box to source separate the glass for campus housing and residence halls.

Layne Merritt reported he received input from the SWAC members and he compiled the Whitman County Solid Waste Mission Statement.

*The mission of the Whitman County Public Works Solid Waste Division is to protect the public and the environment in Whitman County by providing and ensuring solid waste transfer, **recycling**, and landfilling activities in a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally responsible manner.*

Layne Merritt read the Whitman County Solid Waste Goals, which bring together the concepts and some of the previous goals.

1. *Emphasize and encourage effective solid waste reduction activities throughout the county and its towns/cities, tailored around the State Beyond Waste Plan.*
2. *Emphasize and encourage the recovery, re-use, and sale of materials diverted from the waste stream to offset the cost of countywide waste handling.*
3. *Emphasize and encourage the safe collection and disposal of ~~dangerous~~ **moderate risk** wastes such as chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides.*
4. *Provide educational opportunities to students and the public at large about types of waste, where it ends up, and ways to reduce solid waste in the community, **and encourage policies and practices to minimize waste.***
5. *Develop and implement a plan to reduce illegal dumping and litter activities countywide.*
6. *Develop and implement a long range plan for the effective operation of solid waste and recycling activities in Whitman County, including developing Whitman County's own landfill and utilizing technology to continuously improve efficiencies in solid waste handling and disposal.*

Layne Merritt encouraged SWAC members to participate in this plan by providing responses and corrections to him. The data needs to be updated and he will send copies to the haulers to update the information for the next meeting on December 12th.

We can continue with correspondence for the plan and gather information for a possible draft for the March meeting.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourned - 4:12 p.m.