



Benton County

Disposal Site Advisory Committee

January 23, 2019 Approved Minutes * 6:30 pm

Members Present: Jay Simpkins (Benton County unincorporated area), Jeff Freeman (City of Corvallis), Linda Brewer (City of Corvallis), Lauri Richer (City of Corvallis), Larry Sleeman (City of Philomath)

Members Excused: Jean Gritter (North Albany)

Guests Present: Broc Kienholz (Republic Services, Inc.), Ian Macnab (Republic Services), Julie Jackson (Republic Services); Debbie Gile (citizen); Rachel Snyder (Republic Services); Lisa Scherf (citizen); Phil Sollins (MR Watershed Council, citizen); Debra Higbee-Sudyka (citizen).

Staff Present: Xan Augerot (Commissioner); Gordon Brown (Benton County Environmental Health), Bill Emminger (Division Supervisor, Benton County Environmental Health), Rob Turkisher (Environmental Health), Jen Brown (Benton County Sustainability), Paula Felipe (Public Health Program Assistant, recorder)

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions: Citizen Comments – Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.** Phil Sollins submitted a document “Sample Yard/Tree/Lumber Waste Drop-off Fees Nationwide” and asserted other landfill fees are lower because they are subsidized heavily by the County. The Chair proposed we come back to the document after we approve the minutes.

- II. **Approval of Minutes: MOTION** made by Linda Brewer to approve the November 28, 2018 DSAC Minutes; Seconded and **APPROVED** unanimously as amended. *Note: Linda suggested an edit to the minutes on Number 3, Point 2: Delete the reference to “ordnances” and replace with “...relocating the area associated with the old Camp Adair.”*

- III. **Elections of Officers:** Last year Larry Sleeman of Philomath agreed to be vice chairman, and now we need nominations for vice-chair because traditionally the vice chair becomes chairperson after a year of experience. Call for nominations? Linda asked if Lauri would accept a nomination and she declined. Jay Simpkins was asked and he accepted a nomination for vice chair. He was the only one to be nominated. Linda Brewer then **MOVED** to elect Jay Simpkins to be the vice chair of DSAC. Seconded; All in favor, **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously. So, Vice-Chair will become Chair as of January 2020.

- IV. **Current landfill operations** - Broc Kienholz (Republic Services) Cell 5B is still being filled and will continue for another two months. Construction will begin on Cell 5C in the Spring thru September. The areas associated with old Camp Adair will start construction this spring. The whole site is 800,000 cubic yards between waste and soil cap (It is to the west of where the quarry is—can’t see from road—it looks like a grassy slope). It is unlined and it has been tested with bore holes and not find any issues. Leachate is about a million gallons out of 7 and a half million stored. They will be dry by the spring, and will be expanding the gas collection this summer. Excessive gas is flared off. Need more sufficient additional gas to generate energy. Rubber cover on landfill this summer—about 5 to 7 acres to complete in September or October. This has passed the design phase.

- V. Review of Bylaws:** Rob Turkisher handed out copies of the Bylaws. The purpose of SWAC is to assist the Board of Commissioners and provide recommendations. The BOC is reviewing all advisory committee bylaws. Bill suggested we put these bylaws on the website for now and introduce them to new members, but changes will be taking place soon. Among goals is to align the advisory committee's goals with the Thriving Communities Initiative 2040. DSAC & SWAC will review the bylaws and provide feedback to the BOC. DSAC & SWAC will consider requirements for membership, such as should diverse geographic areas be represented? Both rural and city areas should be represented. Need more community outreach to recruit new members. Have not had a lot of response from Adair Village and Monroe and the distance to travel for meetings and the night meetings could be a challenge for rural members. Suggestion made to go thru the past minutes and see what recommendations were made on recruitment strategies and representation requirements. Also, need to look into term limits and put recommendations into language to submit to BOC. Gordon will review past minutes and remind the committee what has been discussed regarding bylaws and membership requirements. Also, is there still a need for 2 committees (DSAC and SWAC) or can we merge into one committee? Since the County hosts a regional disposal site, the State said we need a DSAC which has a member who is an employee of the landfill. Our SWAC is a citizen advisory committee and franchise service providers don't have a vote, so they decided to have two separate committees. If BOC says one committee is sufficient, then maybe we could just have one committee? SWAC should talk to Vance Croney about the 2 meetings and 2 agendas (DSAC and SWAC). Xan said there is plenty of time as BOC is currently working with three committees now (Environmental, Bicycle, and Roads). BOC is reviewing the State mandates regarding the committees. The mandates for some of the committees could shift over time and there is a lot of discussions taking place. The bylaws will be an agenda item for next month.
- VI. Discussion of Yard/tree/lumber waste drop off fees nationwide** – Phil Sollins submitted a paper about fees for yard/lumber waste. Julie Jackson (Republic Services) said to clarify the big increase is at Coffin Butte dealt with solid waste not yard waste. Phil said he saw it posted that fees was going up to over \$60 and asked if there is an intention to increase fees. No, Republic Services is not currently planning another increase in fees. Question: Is Benton County subsidizing the price list? Gordon said the PRC is part of the current landfill Franchise agreement and a lot has changed with the PRC over the last 20 years. At this point, it is under review under the renewal of the Franchise agreement. Julie said Republic Services would consider a program to clear some fuel out such as using drop boxes to clean out and fire districts could be part of this program for fire prevention. Phil said there are discussions of fire districts, homeowners associations, road districts, looking at creating "fire wise communities." Need to identify worst fire hazard areas to get it started. (A lot of this is outside of the area of this committee). Xan said the BOC is grappling with this kind of issue and how to address issues that cross departments and boundaries. We have new community development staff, so we have more energy on this topic. We have not had a focus on wildland interface for a while. We should remember raising rates does have a ripple affect, and we should think of what services and issues matter to us at the County level and convey that to Republic Services. Julie said as we work on this Franchise agreement, it is a good time to be talking about these issues. The Chair commented that the issue of fire isn't really something the DSAC & SWAC address, but the BOC needs to establish a way to address these fire issues. Xan said the DSAC/SWAC advisory committees' agenda includes discussion of values important to community regarding the

landfill; and it's important to explain what those values are and the critical services provided at the landfill. Julie said Republic Services wants to help on these kind of issues like fire wise communities.

VII. Adjourn. MOTION to adjourn by Linda Brewer; seconded; all in favor, so approved. Meeting was adjourned At 7:26 PM