



Benton County

Solid Waste Advisory Council

March 13, 2019 Approved Minutes 6 pm to 8:30 pm

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

Members Excused:

Guests Present: Broc Kienholz (Republic Services, Inc.); Rachel Snyder (Republic Services); John Deuel (Oregon State University Materials Management).

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chair Larry Sleeman.
- II. **Introductions and Citizen Comments.** *Introduced new member of Environmental Health: Lars Gjovik. From 6 pm to 6:30 pm there was a reception with refreshments in honor of Gordon Brown, who is retiring after 30 years of service.)*
- III. **Approval of the Minutes.** **MOTION** was made to approve the January 23, 2019 SWAC minutes, seconded, all in favor, **MOTION** passed. **(There was no meeting in February due to snow).**
- IV. **Update Benton County Solid Waste Issues– Gordon Brown**
(Gordon’s powerpoint will be emailed out to all members with these minutes). Gordon discussed the responsibility for Solid Waste services. DEQ is authorized by the EPA under the RCRA (1976) to regulate solid waste in Oregon. Local governments (under state law) are responsible for providing solid waste management services. Examples of Franchise and Permit systems include Benton, Linn, Lincoln, Polk, and many others. (See attached powerpoint slide show for more information). The Coffin Butte Regional Landfill is the primary disposal site for Benton, Linn, Lincoln, and Polk Counties (historical region), and provides partial disposal for about 20 other counties. There was a large spike in tons disposed (over 900,000 tons) at the landfill in 2017. A large contributing factor is construction debris, which could have more materials recovered and recycled. MRF is among discussion topics during Franchise talks. The Coffin Butte remaining capacity is 33 to 38 years at 500,000 tons/year and it is 25 to 30 years at 950,000 tons/year. Among upcoming challenges include population growth; 30-year Metro agreement with Waste Management expires in December 2019; Expected closure of Riverbend Regional Landfill in Yamhill County in March 2020; DEQ Permit for Coffin Butte Landfill expires in July 31, 2020; Current Franchise agreement with Coffin Butte Landfill and PRC expires in December 31, 2020; and Current Franchise agreement with Republic Services for waste collection/hauling expires in September 20, 2021. Key points to consider for Coffin Butte and next Franchise agreement: 20-year agreement term; Disposal fees have been kept artificially low for 20 years; Coffin Butte will be the only remaining regional landfill in NW Oregon at some point during the term of the next agreement; Increase in tonnages from Metro; Columbia Gorge corridor is vulnerable to disruptions; Disaster events can consume years of landfill capacity; Remaining capacity at end of

next agreement 13-18 years; and New landfill sites in Western Oregon is highly unlikely. Currently evaluating ties that solid waste have with climate change, sustainability, storm water management, and code enforcement. Benton County Revenue from Solid Waste Services: Host Surcharge 2017-19 Budget: \$2,717,000 (about \$2.45/ton); Host Surcharge Metro 2017-19 Budget: \$1,125,280; and Franchise Fees 2018: \$380,000.

- V. Member Recruitment.** Member and past Chair Linda Brewer has resigned so SWAC now has four members. Need to recruitment new members. Announcement made at the Master Recyclers and some took brochures. The Bylaws are being reviewed. Hope to have more widespread representation and not just geographic but also in classifications/positions. Want to have 9 members. Difficult to recruit members from Monroe and Adair due to travel time. Chair suggested OSU as a member of committee—John Deuel will check with his supervisor. Gordon said DSAC has state requirements for membership and there will be a lot of attention on landfill over next two years. Other groups mentioned as possible members to SWAC: Restaurants? Habitat for humanity? Construction/builders? School districts? Realtors? Commercial Contractors? City Council member, such as sustainability coordinator? If anyone knows a possible candidate for SWAC encourage them to contact Teresa Farley and visit the Benton County website—the following link has online applications for the advisory committees: <https://www.co.benton.or.us/boc/page/committee-vacancies>
- VI. Annual Planning Calendar.** –Larry Sleeman Gordon shared a planner document as an aid to creating the agenda. Gordon stopped this practice several years ago, but is helps to envision the year ahead on the calendar. Items and Issues align with month and year on chart.
- VII. Secure Loads, Dump Stoppers, Firewise Update** Gordon talked with Republic Services staff about three programs. June 6 is national secure load day (AAA promotes this and raises awareness about hazards of unstable loads). Discussed having a 3 day period (June 6, 7, 8,) to contact people and distribute info on securing loads (not just covered). Also, may want to talk about this in Franchise agreement. Dump stoppers provide landowners and timber owners; discount ability to take loads to the dump. Firewise: Republic provides a large container designated for disposal of material to PRC and limit to firewise communities. This designation is thru agreement and involves forestry wildland interface shared responsibility (not part of franchise). It is a side project to help those communities manage vegetation to protect homes against fire. This programs can be future agenda items.
- VIII. Update on C & D Materials Recovery Facility .** (Gordon covered this issue in his talk—see powerpoint attached).
- IX. Upcoming Agendas:**
- Republic Services briefing on firewise program; yard debris; and scrap metal disposal.
 - Plan for Republic Newsletter to include SWAC's recruitment for new members.
 - Rob Turkisher will be putting the agenda together for next month.
 - Food waste and restaurants—would FSAC be interested in a combined meeting? FSAC meets quarterly on food safety and fees.
 - Republic Services (Julie Jackson) brief SWAC on legislative agendas and proposals, such as greenhouse gas bills and impacts (Rachel will ask her).
 - Policies about reduction and how does policy affect decisions/businesses/institutions; encourage or require more focus on reduction of waste.

- OSU looking at policies and what could be changed.
- Invite guest speakers, such as from ORRA or the Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR).
- Xan and Chair congratulated Gordon on his retirement and thanked Paula for coordinating a sustainable meeting with refreshments.

X. Adjourn moved and seconded 7:47 PM.