



# BENTON COUNTY

## Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)

December 11, 2019 Approved Minutes 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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**Members Present:** John Deuel (Unincorporated Area of Benton County), Jeff Freeman (City of Corvallis), Larry Sleeman (Chair, City of Philomath), Debi Gile (City of Corvallis)

**Members Excused:** Lauri Richer, Jay Simpkins

**Guests Present:** Broc Kienholz, Ian Macnab, Jacob Whitledge, John Sarna

**Staff Present:** Xan Augerot, (Commissioner), Greg Verret (Benton County Community Development), Jennifer Brown (Benton County Sustainability Coordinator); Linda Ray, Administrative Specialist (Benton County Community Development)

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- I. **Call to Order.** Chair Larry Sleeman called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.
- II. **Introductions and Citizen Comments.**
  - I. **Approval of the Minutes.** **MOTION** was made by John Deuel to accept the October 23, 2019 minutes, seconded by Jeff Freeman, all in favor, **MOTION** passed.
  - II. **Update on Solid Waste Coordinator recruitment.** Greg informed SWAC members that after a 4-week recruitment process, the position has been filled. Daniel Redick has been offered the position. Daniel previously worked with USC with their waste diversion program. He has a lot of energy, knowledge and experience. Daniel will start work on January 2nd and will be attending the January 22nd SWAC/DSAC meetings.
- III. **Recruiting New Committee Members.** Commissioner Augerot stated that she knows of one person that lives in North Albany that may be interested in serving on the council. Chair Sleeman reminded the council of the need to review the bylaws when discussing geographical districts in the interest of recruiting members from communities. There was discussion about opening up the applications for new recruits to those not solely from the geographic districts specified. Chair Sleeman stated that the “geographical specificity” is applied for the DSAC committee but does not apply to SWAC. John Sarna, a guest, commented that it would be good to have input from hospital, restaurants (waste source), contractors, hospitality, HP, hotels, school district, manufacturers on the committee. John Deuel provided a list of ideas for SWAC Recruitment as follows; Good Samaritan Hospital Operation, Sky High/Block 15/American Dream/Tommy’s/McMenamins/Old World Deli/Squirrels/Downward Dog/Shari’s/Buffalo Wild Wings/Old Spaghetti Factory, Hospitality, HP, School District, Manufacturer, Contractors and Food Safety Advisory Committee for Benton County. There was discussion about potentially having some of these representatives as ex officio or non-voting members. It was agreed this topic would be revisited in January.

- IV. **Report from Republic Services.** This item is being moved to the January agenda. Julie Jackson is working on an 8-page flyer that will inform the community on the benefits of composting and materials that are accepted. This topic will also be discussed in January.
- V. **Discussion on County Website pages for SWAC/DSAC.** Commissioner Augerot pointed out that edits need to be made to reflect that the program resides in Community Development now and not Environmental Health as stated on the Solid Waste Program page. The council was asked to review the SWAC/DSAC/Solid Waste Program pages (from the perspective of a committee member and consumer) and give feedback on edits at the January meeting.
- VI. **2020 Calendar Review DEQ report.** A request was made to add a line item on the December 2020 calendar to include the DEQ report.
- VII. **Citizen Comments/Member Requests.** Debi brought to the committee's attention that there is misinformation that the public is receiving. An article in "Our Town" (2019 publication) stated that plastics (including jars and tubs) are still recyclable. Debi pointed out that it is conflicting information and can confuse the public. The magazine comes out in the Gazette Times each Fall.
- VIII. **DEQ Report.** Greg read an email he received from DEQ and displayed the data for the committee to review visually at the meeting. The committee had a brief discussion of the data. When Greg receives the final draft, he will email it out to SWAC members.
- IX. **Agenda items for next meeting.** DEQ report, Report from Republic Services.
- X. **Adjourn. MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded **MOTION** passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.