



BENTON COUNTY

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)

May 27, 2020 Minutes 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Members Present: John Deuel (Unincorporated Area of Benton County), Larry Sleeman (Chair, City of Philomath), Debi Gile (City of Corvallis), Jeff Freeman (City of Corvallis) Jay Simpkins (Benton County unincorporated area), Lauri Richer (City of Corvallis)

Absent: Xan Augerot (Board of Commissioners), Dennis Jordan (North Albany)

Guests Present: Broc Kienholz (Republic Services), Ian Macnab (Republic Services), Julie Jackson (Republic Services), Tino Barreras (Republic Services)

Staff Present: Greg Verret (Benton County Community Development), Linda Ray, Administrative Specialist (Community Development), Daniel Redick (Community Development)

- I. **Call to Order.** Chair Larry Sleeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. *Due to the current health crisis with Covid-19, the committee met via a virtual meeting online.*
 - II. **Approval of the Minutes.** A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes by John Deuel, seconded by Lauri Richer, minutes will be approved once a change is made on section V where the word “country” should be “county”.
 - III. **Citizen Comments/Member Requests.** None.
 - IV. **Recruitment of New Members** - None.
 - V. **SWAC Bylaws review.** Daniel gave a short update on the status of the SWAC bylaw review. He is working with Vance Croney, County Counsel on the language being used in the bylaws and will report back to the council once the bylaws are approved by the BOC.
 - VI. **Solid Waste Updates.** Daniel gave a brief update on the website including an overview of changes made since the last website discussion, and requested SWAC members to review the website and provide feedback. There was then a short discussion about ways to improve the website, and it was mentioned that including more links to video learning resources could be helpful.
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- VII. **Materials Management Sub-Committee Report:** homework “What kinds of things are important in education yourself and how can we do that for our community”. John Deuel shared an update with the work the subcommittee has been doing on this initiative. John shared a report from the subcommittee that outlined their objectives. The next steps for this working group is to further research waste prevention initiatives. Group members will contact local initiative leaders, representatives and also research online. They will also highlight top performers in achieving documented waste prevention and determine the proper scope and goals of the waste audit.

 - VIII. **Coffin Butte Capacity Operational Report.** Broc will send the council a copy of the report before the next meeting to be discussed at that time.

 - IX. **Secure Loads Campaign.** The council discussed the issues surrounding securing loads and agreed that a community campaign would be beneficial to help with this issue. Julie, Broc, Tino, Larry and Daniel will meet to make plans.

 - X. **Agenda Items.** These are items to add to the June 24th meeting agenda; Republic Services Presentation by Eric Tuppan, Coffin Butte Operational Capacity Report, Secure Loads Campaign, Materials Management Sub Committee update, and Personal Audit Discussion.

Lauri Richer asked members to send her 5-10 ways that they are personally doing to reduce waste (besides recycling/composting) by the June SWAC meeting.

 - XI. **The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.**
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