

**Spokane County  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes  
March 20, 2019**

Members Present

Andy Hoyer, CAL District #2  
Suzanne Tresko, CAL #3  
Bruce Williams for Mike LaScuola, Health District  
Erik Makinson, Recycling Industry  
Mike Fagan, City of Spokane  
Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest  
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry  
Philip Small, Ag Interest

Members Absent

Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle  
Don Stevens, City of Deer Park  
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood  
Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts  
Kim Kreber, CAL District #1

Vacant Positions

Business

**Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2019-Suzanne Tresko**

All members moved to approve minutes from the January meeting.

**2018 Expense/Review-Deb Geiger**

Deb presented the expense figures from last year and stated that the actual figures were very close to the projected numbers. The major expenses for 2018 included a new tamper, scale indicators and the health district permit fees. Revenue was 12.9 million dollars and expenses totaled 12.6 million dollars, leaving a net revenue of approximately \$300,000.

**State of County Recycling-Deb Geiger**

Deb gave a brief overview of the recycling numbers in Spokane County. She stated the data indicated the County recycling numbers have dropped approximately 6% in the past few years. She said the reduction is possibly due to Dept. of Ecology no longer allowing glass to be included in the recycling numbers.

The City and the County have Education/Outreach programs in place and are in the process of creating new campaigns to get the word out about Recycling Right, eliminating contamination and urging the public to use reusable bags rather than single use plastic bags.

**Recycling Sub-Committee-Andy Hoyer**

The sub-committee meetings will be postponed due to conflicts in the participant's schedules. SWAC members discussed the role and focus of the sub-committee and agreed that the goal will be to discuss potential markets for recyclables.

### **Plastic Bags and other Legislative Updates-Kris Major**

The plastic bag ban passed one house and has moved in to the second house. Other bills that are under review include HB 1652- Paint Stewardship, HB 1795- Limit Recyclables (dead), HB 5747- Waste to Energy (dead), HB 1114- Food Waste Reduction, HB 1204 (dead), SB 5397- Plastic Packaging, and SB 5077- Plastic Straws (passed).

### **Other Business**

Deb Geiger stated she participated in lobbying efforts in Olympia with the Washington Association of County Solid Waste Manager's group (WACSWM). The goal was to promote and ask for Dept. of Ecology's grant funding to revert to the historical level of 28.6 million dollars. She said it was a great learning experience and hoped their work would pay off in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.