

**Spokane County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes
May 15, 2019**

Members Present

Suzanne Tresko, CAL #3
Andy Hoye, CAL District #2
Philip Small, Ag Interest
Kim Kreber, CAL District #1
Erik Makinson, Recycling Industry
Josh Kerns, Spokane County
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest

Members Absent

Mike LaScuola, Health District
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle
Don Stevens, City of Deer Park
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood
Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts
Mike Fagan, City of Spokane
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry

Vacant Positions

Business

Tour of Whitworth University Whit-worms Program-Erik Makinson

Staff from Whitworth gave SWAC members a tour of their food waste reduction program. The tour began in the kitchen, and continued outside to the compost bin, and ended at the worm bin for a presentation on vermicomposting. Whitworth University's efforts were rewarded by being the recipients of the 2018 Washington State Recycling Association-Recycler of the Year Award.

Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2019-Suzanne Tresko

All members moved to approve minutes from the March meeting.

Education and Outreach for Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR)- Lindsay Chapman

Lindsay gave a brief presentation on several events Spokane County Solid Waste has been working on. The events include the following:

- Cart tagging in areas with known contamination issues;
- The Garbage Goat blog;
- A post card mailer about contaminants;
- Recycling contamination commercial aired on KHQ;
- Higher education waste reduction and recycling;
- Rural development grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that provided funding for food waste reduction. Household hazardous waste events have also been held with the grant funding;
- Tire collection events held in rural areas with grant funding from Dept of Ecology;
- Public outreach using "Load Warrior" movie posters and unsecured load flyers;
- Litter Limerick Challenge;
- Team up to clean up commercial;
- Household hazardous waste awareness through airing on KXLY television

Revenue Sharing Agreement-Joel Kohlsteadt, Waste Management

Joel presented information on the Revenue Sharing Agreement in Spokane County. He stated about fifty percent of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables is used for a recycling education fund. He referred to a study that has shown infrastructure is needed to increase recycling efforts in multi-family housing. Waste Management has identified 80 multi-family properties and 20 of the properties were provided with a service change and other recommendations to increase recycling. He stated education outreach includes a phone app, small reusable bags as recycling bins, and infographics clarifying acceptable items for recycling.

Legislative Updates-Deb Geiger

Deb gave an update on Senate Bill 5993-Model Toxics Control Act Reform. She stated the bill passed, but was modified and the funding went to the Department of Transportation. The County will be operating on the standard amount of ten million-dollars state wide and will continue researching alternative funding to keep the new programs in place for all member jurisdictions.

Commissioner Kerns shared that the plastic bag and plastic straw ban did not pass. It was also stated that Senate Bill 5001-Human Composting passed and is waiting to be signed by the Governor.

Other Business

The members moved to advertise the SWAC Business position vacancy in the Spokesman Review.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.