

**Spokane County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes
May 20, 2020**

Members Present

Suzanne Tresko, CAL #3
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood
Kim Kreber, CAL District #1
Bruce Williams, Health District
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest
Eric Cultum, Business
Andy Hoyer, CAL District #2
Karen Stratton, City of Spokane
Erik Makinson, Recycling Industry

Members Absent

Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle
Josh Kerns, Spokane County
Philip Small, Ag Interest

Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2020 - Chair Suzanne Tresko

All members moved to approve minutes from the January meeting.

Introductions - Suzanne Tresko

Suzanne welcomed new members Eric Cultum and Karen Stratton. Eric shared that his business is a competitor of Amazon and he has served on a zoning and planning commission. Karen shared she was a previous City of Spokane employee before running for office.

2019 Expense and Revenue Review - Lindsay Chapman

Lindsay reviewed the expense and revenue budget for 2019. She stated the budget projection was very close to the actual totals. The County received more MSW and clean green than projected and this has helped offset the decrease in LSWFA funding. The net income was approximately \$673,000 at the end of the year. Much of this will be moved to the Capital fund to prepare for large equipment replacements in the future.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Lindsay Chapman

Lindsay gave an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan. She said progress has been moving forward with creating new goals and reorganizing the table of contents. Currently, work is being done on finding a financial model to project tonnages and budget, developing future needs and activities, and finalizing goals. The next step will include a plan for reducing contamination, which is a new requirement for the plan. This project may take a little longer than anticipated due to the global pandemic.

Tonilee added that the new plan will include a solid waste generation map to give insight to haulers in terms of determining new areas and/or new services.

Recycling Markets and Commodities - Steve Wulf

Steve presented on 11 bills. Of the 11 bills, only 2 were signed by the governor.

- 1) Reusable bags
- 2) Flushable wipes

The governor partially vetoed-solar panel recycling and the reuse composting bill.

Steve stated that COVID-19 impacted commodity prices positively, due to higher paper prices and a higher demand for cardboard. Panic buying increased the demand for all paper products, while supply was struggling due to closures. The effect is likely temporary as states will start to relax “stay at home” orders. Recovery is forecasted to be slow and sluggish, so high paper prices will not last.

SWAC By-laws Discussion - Suzanne Tresko

Suzanne shared the history of ongoing talks about changing the by-laws to adjust the number of attendees for a quorum and how member jurisdictions will be represented. It was noted that the member jurisdictions appoint someone, then they are not required to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. For clarity, the by-laws could be changed to have a member jurisdiction recommend someone and they would not need to be appointed by the BOCC, but would still have voting rights. As for the quorum, at least 7 members need to attend to have votes passed. Suzanne will write up a clearer update of the quorum issue and bring it to the next meeting for a vote

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.