

**Spokane County  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes  
July 15, 2020**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts  
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle  
Philip Small, Ag Interest  
Kim Kreber, CAL District #1

**Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2020 - Chair Suzanne Tresko**

All members moved to approve minutes from the May meeting.

**2021 Solid Waste Preliminary Budget- Deb Geiger**

Deb gave a brief update on the 2020 budget and then presented the 2021 preliminary budget. She stated the tonnage for 2020 has increased during the global pandemic adding additional revenue to the budget. She revisited SWAC's unanimous approval in 2019 of the 2% rate increase each year from 2020 through 2023, and then presented scenarios of finances with and without the upcoming 2% increase. She said without an increase it would cause the operating fund to decrease to unsustainable levels within a few years. With a 2 percent increase, the operating fund will be maintained at a satisfactory level.

After further discussion, a motion was made to recommend and support the rate increases. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Staff will move forward with a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the rate increases.

**Solid Waste Management Plan Update-Discussion on Recommended Actions- Lindsay Chapman**

Lindsay stated the work on the Solid Waste Management Plan has been making impressive progress amid the challenges of the pandemic. She stated five documents were shared with the committee and asked for comments regarding them. She then added that some of the options included providing transfer station information access to the underprivileged populations in the county. Examples of these include educational outreach materials in different languages, website accessibility, and low-income disposal rates.

SWAC members were pleased with the work that has gone into the SWMP update thus far. They recommended adding a paragraph clarifying that in 2015 glass was no longer considered a

“recovered” item and resulted in the large decline of recovered materials. SWAC then questioned leaving the state-wide data in the Plan. It was also recommended that the sources of data be listed with the respective charts.

Lindsay ended the discussion acknowledging the recommendations and would make the requested changes.

### **Old Business-By Laws Discussion**

Suzanne opened the discussion with suggested changes she made to the By-Laws. The initial question was to redefine quorum. It was proposed to change it to “a quorum shall be a minimum of 50 percent of 9 appointed members meaning that 5 voting members will be a quorum”. It was also proposed to add the language to include virtual attendance and virtual voting. SWAC recommended that County Legal review the changes in the proposed new language. After County Legal’s review, SWAC could move forward with adopting the revised By-Laws at a future meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

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