

**Spokane County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes
January 20, 2021**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle
Philip Small, AG Interest
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry

Vacant Positions

Recycling Industry
Citizen-at-Large, District #1

Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2020 - Chair Suzanne Tresko

All members moved to approve minutes from the November meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections – Suzanne Tresko

Suzanne Tresko was elected to serve as chair and Shaun Culler was elected to serve as vice chair for 2021.

Waste and Recycle Directory – Tonilee Hanson

Tonilee presented the updated Waste and Recycle Directory which had a full launch in December 2020. The streamlined website includes an easy to use quick search bar to connect citizens with resources to locate all kinds of private recycling companies that take various types of refuse. Each year, the website sees about 50 percent more traffic and since going live, some of the most searched items include: plastic, glass, curbside services, compost, appliances, batteries, and oil.

Revenue Sharing Plan- Joel Kohlstedt

Joel shared an update on the Revenue Sharing Plan with Spokane County which is in its second 2 ½ year agreement. Fifty percent of the revenue generated in Spokane County is shared and reinvested into a recycling education fund that provides funding for recycling education, research and programs. The previous plan focused heavily on multifamily recycling with convenience, capacity and clarity in mind. There are tentative events planned for 2021 and 2022 pending COVID-19 restrictions.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Lindsay Chapman

Lindsay updated SWAC members on the progress of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Currently, she is working on cleaning up the sections with punctuation and grammar. The next subcommittee meeting will be held the second week of February.

SWAC Vacancies- Deb Geiger

Deb shared the Board of Commissioners has approved the renewal applications for Matthew Pederson, Tonilee Hanson, and Andy Hoye. There are open positions for Recycling Industry and Citizen at Large for District #1.

Other Business

Erik Makinson and his team have distributed reusable bags to about 1,000 apartments to increase multifamily recycling.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.