

**Spokane County  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes  
September 15, 2021**

Members Present

Suzanne Tresko, CAL District #3  
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry  
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest  
Andy Hoye, CAL District #2  
Karen Stratton, City of Spokane  
Bruce Williams, Health District  
Joel Kohlstedt, Recycling Industry

Members Absent

Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts  
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle  
Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood  
Isaiah Paine, CAL District #1  
Philip Small, AG Interest  
Brian Burrow, Business

**Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2021 - Chair Suzanne Tresko**

With one sentence removed from the Recycling Task Force section, all members moved to approve minutes from the July meeting.

**2022 Rate Increase – Lindsay Chapman**

Lindsay presented that the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 20-0659 to increase gate fees at the County Transfer Stations as part of a 2 percent per year for 3 consecutive years. Beginning January 1, 2022, the garbage rate will increase to \$112 per ton and clean green will increase to \$54 per ton. The minimum fees and weights will remain the same as last year. Also, the County is trying to expand services for household hazardous waste to 7 days a week.

**SWAC Appointment Expirations – Suzanne Tresko**

Suzanne shared her term is expiring, as well as the health district position, filled by Bruce Williams. She will not be reapplying which will open the Citizen at Large position for District 3. Joel Kholsted has formally been appointed to the recycling industry and introduced himself.

**Other Business**

Andy is concerned about the contract with the City of Spokane and the SMaRT center. He would like to see the recycling totals of different commodities. Suzanne added input that she is curious to see how the cost of recycling certain items is costing the City and County to see if it is worth it to continue processing those items, or if it would be better to get back to basic recycling practices. Bruce agrees that the ends need to justify the means.

Tonilee suggested at the next meeting we discuss the Waste Characterization Study that came out in August 2021, mostly, in regards to the amount of recycling that is ending up on tipping floors.

Citizen Julia McHugh shared that she lives in the Palisades area that is an access area to the Waste to Energy Plant. She said there is constant roadside litter in her neighborhood. They have done multiple clean up days and paid for disposal themselves. She inquired if there is a way to have a regularly scheduled pickup crew or garbage patrol that the citizens would not have to organize or pay for. Chris Averyt with the City offered to speak with her after the meeting and give her some viable options. Tonilee suggested the Geiger work crew, but Julia responded that once the crew is gone, the litter is back within a week. Lindsay also offered contact info for the litter pickup crew if she can get the neighborhood to do a clean up day.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.