Members Present
Isaiah Paine, CAL District #3
John Dietzman, CAL District #5
Andy Hoye, CAL District #2
Jim Simon, CAL District #1
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest
Philip Small, AG Interest
Ken Gimpel, Waste Industry

Members Absent
Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle
Brian Burrow, Business
Karen Stratton, City of Spokane
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood
Joel Kohlstedt, Recycling Industry
Chris Jordan, Spokane County

Vacant Positions
Health District
CAL District #4

Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2023 – Isaiah Paine
All members moved to approve minutes for the November 15th meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections – Isaiah Paine
Deb relayed a message from Shaun Culler that due to other commitments, he would be unable to Chair for 2024 and asked for nominations. Ken nominated Andy Hoye, but Andy declined due to a busy upcoming year. Joel Kohlstedt was nominated and seconded for Chair and Isaiah Paine was nominated for Vice Chair and seconded. All SWAC members approved these selections.

Landfill Closure Overview -- Austin Stewart
Austin presented an overview of the closed landfills to help clarify where some of the funds from tipping fees will be going and to give a glimpse of the state of the landfills. The County operates Colbert, Greenacres, and Mica landfills. Some action may need to be taken with the Marshall landfill, but staff is waiting on clarification from the Department of Ecology. Current landfill standards were not in place when these landfills were in operation which led to contamination of the groundwater and nearby wells in these areas. Colbert operated from 1968 to 1986, Mica operated from 1972 to 1991, and Greenacres operated from 1950 to 1972. Current safety standards for landfills were not created until 1985. Some of the contaminants included: VOC’s, nitrates/sulfites, solvents, and metals. Remedial technologies for the closed landfills are institutional controls, land use restrictions, landfill covers, and landfill gas collection systems.

Resident Litter Concern – Deb Geiger
Deb shared her appreciation for the letter received from Friends of the Palisades and noted the entire County is struggling with a litter issue currently. The suggestions in the letter included: designate a revenue stream to fund a regular pickup for Palisades neighborhoods, roads, for solid waste staff to consider setting up a regular schedule with staff to do the work and coordinate volunteers, solicit assistance from Spokane International Airport, coordinate clean up with other
agencies, organizations, and companies. The 2023 efforts resulted in picking up 400,000 pounds of roadside litter from 2,500 miles of roads. The County funded over $300,000 in these efforts. Currently, the County and City offers a variety of options for clean up from Roads staff, Geiger work crews, neighborhood clean ups and the Team Up to Clean Up program. Ken noted while the suggestions are valid, he feels it is out of the scope of SWAC to focus on one neighborhood when it is an issue in the whole County. Deb stated there is a revenue stream to clean up roadside litter, but it is for the entire County.

**Discussion on Moving November Meeting to October – Isaiah Paine**
Having a meeting in November has been troublesome due to State Solid Waste Meetings during the same time. SWAC moved to adjust the meeting from the third Wednesday in November to the third Wednesday in October on a permanent basis.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.