



MORROW COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) Minutes
01/24/2023 – Don Adams room Irrigon Govt. Center
12:00 pm

Introductions/informal discussion – Introductions around the room,
Attending: Kevin Miracle, Eric Imes, Jeff Wenholz, Sandi Pointer and Jeremy Fink. Via ZOOM, Blaine Middleton, Lourie Gordon, Sabrina Bailey Cave, Dave Sykes.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Review – We will need to get a few alternates in the committee, Discussion continued on soliciting additional to fill alternates, and asking committee members about helping to fill these open positions.

Approve minutes from 10-19-2022 Jeff Wenholz motions to approve the minutes and Kevin Miracle seconds the motion, the minutes stand unanimously.

Report by Waste Connection, Finely Buttes, Jeremy Fink mentions that the head count of employees are complete and full, Starting and excavation for an additional cell 9B, The extension of the wind fence using golf course netting along with the power poles, extending approx. 200 feet will be complete soon. Seeing an uptick in tonnage so this is better than last year at this time.

Report with Sanitary Disposal, Inc. Waste Connections, Kevin Miracle opens with reporting that operations and updates, Purchased a loader for the transfer stations, keeping up on the demand and keeping the floor clean and a good safety feature. The excavator got new tracks, Significant repairs On the cardboard bailer, a list of items replaced and updated. So with all the repairs the machine should be up and running strong soon, Two new transfer trailers, to keep tip board clean additional space for the waste. Other mechanical issues with various equipment is getting updated and repaired. 1200 baled cardboard, price is significantly down at \$25.00 a ton, making it a struggle to ship it. Working with sister company to get some of their replaced equipment that is still in working order to help Hermiston have a solid equipment force. On the staffing side Waste Connections, Hermiston is down four crew members and looking to fill those just struggling and challenges. Working on the Recycling

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Modernization Act and Opportunity to recycle report is due at the end of the month, Purchased two roll off trucks that will arrive soon. Carts and containers, delivery trucks we had received some of these from sister companys wanting to get carts off the trucks for safety reasons, actually one individual operation. Mr. Miracle continues with appropriate for the County to provide a reasonable increase in rates to allow us to meet and improve upon the service commitments we have made to Morrow County, discussion on what services provided and operations. Discussion continued at the last increase it was discussed that they may be at this position from last year. Eric Imes Solid Waste Administrator wants clarification and looking at the CPI chart and wanting to understand the rate that is derived from this. Imes mentions he remembers the increase last year and that discussion of possibly increase in future, he understands the increase/request. Giving perspective of operations. *Jeremy Fink moves to approve the 10.78% fee increase that Sanitary Disposal would like to implement. Blain Middleton seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously with Jeff Wenholz abstain.*

Lourie Gordan from DEQ gives brief overview of the Recycling Modernization Act, updates Oregon's recycling system by building on local community programs and leveraging the resources of producers to create innovative system that works for everyone across the state. The law will require packaging and share responsibility for effective management of their products after use. First major wave of implementation won't happen till July 2026. The Opportunity to Recycling will be due Feb. 28, 2023 so a little additional time due the end of February.

Blain Middleton will be moving into a regional management position with Archaea, so will be less available locally, He will keep all posted, and inquire with Archaea how they want to proceed with SWAC involvement.

As of January 6, 2023, FBE Holding Company LLC sold 100% of its membership interests in Finley BioEnergy LLC to Archaea Holdings LLC, Just prior to this, BP America purchased Archaea Energy in late December 2022.

- The next Solid Waste Advisory meeting third Tuesday quarterly. April 18, 2023, Lexington Public Works Conference room

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